



## County budget crunch examined

by Shirley D. Schmoock  
Special Writer

The county budget appears to need some help after a close look at it's list of 'mandated services'.

Daniel Webster defines 'budget' as a pouch or wallet. Crawford County defines 'budget' as something it has neither adopted nor brought under control in fiscal year 1998.

Why?

Many reasons: Some are easy to explain, while others involve a mirage of funds and grants tangled in with complicated financial requirements known only to those drafting the rules. Crawford County has its fair share of both.

In Michigan, a balanced budget is required of county government, and a county's expenditures cannot legally exceed its revenues or reserves.

In past years, Crawford County government has managed to deliver a rather high level of local services to its citizens, often dipping into its reserves.

People always grumbled about taxes, of course, but the taxes paid in Crawford County were never as high as those paid in the metropolitan areas. Life was pretty good here.

But things changed; wages increased, fuel oil and electrical rates have risen, and the overall cost of doing the county's business began to experience what accountants call 'bracket creep'.

When this happened, the 'budget' or 'pouch' referred to by Daniel

Webster began to suffer worn spots. It also began to develop holes through which dimes, then dollars were escaping in ever-increasing numbers.

The drain on county resources couldn't go on forever, but it did continue for quite some time. The more the citizens of Crawford County wanted, the more they got for their slowly-rising taxes.

Nobody wanted to ask for adequate operating money to meeting the rising cost of county services.

Then along came Proposition A, and property taxes were arrested and capped. Yet, when the legislature created an alternative method of financing the needs of the schools, other than property taxes, those same creative juices did not flow and allow counties to recover the cost of doing business.

The struggle to maintain the status quo continued, but the inevitable was just around the next corner. The bottom finally fell out when Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC, Certified Public Accountants, concluded their audit of Crawford County's books.

The results are now well known. The devil in the details was that the 1998 'budget' had the shorts — \$800,000 of them — and, there was no longer enough money to go around.

All that could happen, did. County buildings and equipment, over the years, had fallen into disrepair, and those fixing things wanted their money.

County employees were delivering

a host of services to the people of Crawford County, and they too expected to be paid a fair, living wage.

Juries came for duty every week, and the Fish Hatchery opened every year for summer visitors. The 911 Emergency Dispatch came on line 24-hours a day, and ambulances continued to go on call.

The Health Department tested water and gave inoculations, and the new jail continued to house violent and general offenders.

An honest look at the cost of maintaining all of these and other services is sobering. The bottom line shortages should sound the warning bell that all joy is about to leave Mudville — at least until the dollar drain is plugged with a huge wad of austerity.

If county expenditures continue to exceed the revenues generated by taxes and fees charged for some services, as a last resort, the state will take over the county's finances. They will also determine what level of services are absolutely necessary for the county to function under what the state mandates as 'necessary services'.

The list of 'mandated services' is the maintenance of those offices elected by the people. They include the Sheriff, County Clerk, Treasurer, Prosecutor, and the Courts.

This list of 'mandated services' might seem rather modest, until a close look is taken at what it really takes to maintain a functioning court, for example.

The county government and its

departments can expect to be placed under a financial microscope during the weeks following.

Understanding how these departments function is the key to understanding why government costs so much.

A hard look will also be given to those services not mandated by the state. They include ambulance service, county parks and recreation, veteran's affairs, central dispatch (911), economic development, building and zoning, cooperative extension, conservation, marine, river and county road patrols, and animal control.

This is not a complete listing, but the question will be asked what they've done for taxpayers and their families in the past, because the voters will probably be asked to vote additional or increased operating millages for some of them.

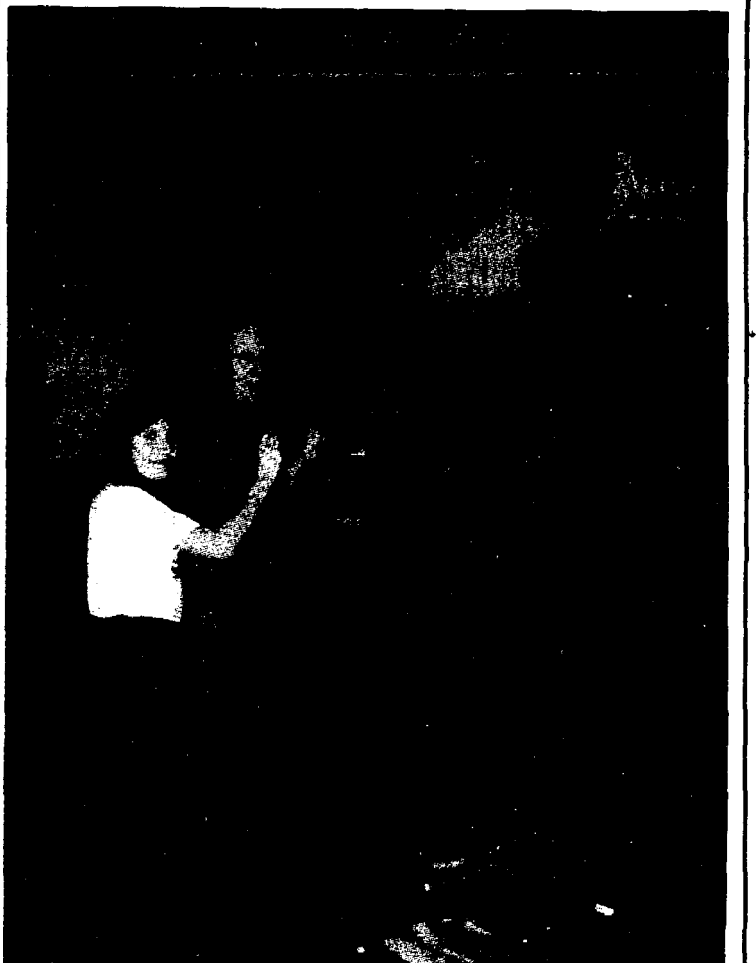
Budget meetings will continue until the problem in Crawford County is resolved.

And, as Marvin Anderson of the County's auditing firm said, "No matter what combination is worked out for Crawford County, it should be reached through a cooperative effort between the commissioners, elected officials, and the department heads."

"Time," he summarized, "is of the essence in formulating a balanced budget for the county."

And, with six months of the 1998 budget year gone, that's essence with a 'big E'.

## Local Eagles celebrate 25 years by funding new rescue sled



**SHARP SHOOTERS** -- Age is not a factor when it comes to playing darts at the Eagles Club in Grayling. Eagles' dart league players and other club members have helped raise \$20,000 for charities by pumping quarters into this electronic dart game. Pictured are 10-year old Jessie Pfaff and 65-years young, Robert Johnstone.

by Cheryl A. Ruley  
Staff Writer

The local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Eagles is celebrating their 25th anniversary during the same year the order is celebrating 100 years of service.

Past Worthy President John Kuszak is very enthusiastic about this special year because, along with the aerie's ongoing and annual projects, members have voted to raise the necessary funds for a new snowmobile rescue sled for the Crawford County Sheriff's Department.

The new rescue sled will cost about \$4,000 and will be an all-season sled, converting to a wagon-style vehicle for summer-time emergency rescues.

"We will be busy placing canisters around town, holding 50/50 raffles and asking area businesses to pitch in to help buy the sled," stated Kuszak.

He added, "Whatever money isn't raised, the Eagles will write a check to make up the difference."

The Eagles have raised over \$20,000 with the electronic dart game they installed at their club.

Club members have organized 28 dart teams and they pump quite a few quarters into the machine every week for practice games and league play.

Team players range widely in age. Just this past Sunday night, March 8, over 40 people showed up to shoot at the bull's eye. The youngest player present was 10-

year old Jessie Pfaff and the oldest was Robert Johnstone, at 65 years of age.

The Ladies Auxiliary is also very busy raising money for various projects.

The ladies recently raised \$1,200 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"We raise money for area charities, such as River House Shelter and the Christian Help Center," said AnneMarie Kuszak, Madam President of the Ladies' Auxiliary. AnneMarie has been president for an unprecedented three years in a row.

The ladies' auxiliary and the men's aerie were united in their community services efforts in 1993 when the aerie was reorganized.

"It was necessary for the men and women to get together and make this a place for all of us to enjoy," said John.

The Eagles suffered for a long time because of a rather bad reputation. We wanted to make a new name for ourselves," he said.

Last year the Eagles won the 1997 Grand Marshal Award for their float entry in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon Parade.

According to the Kuszaks, the club plans on winning again in 1998.

They would also like to remind everyone in the community that some proceeds from all of their 1998 activities will go toward the purchase of the new rescue sled



## County Clerk's records 'deleted'

by Shirley D. Schmoock  
Special Writer

Hit the 'delete' key on any computer and it will accomplish the task in a flash. It will remove what you ask it to remove, ready or not.

That's what apparently happened to the Crawford County Clerk's records — the past three and a half year's worth — sometime during the last weekend in February.

When Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/ Register of Deeds, tried to open her computerized records on Saturday, she found they had been purged from the terminal. A total of 386 records from 15 record files had been deleted from her secretary's machine.

On Feb. 22 at a regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, the County Clerk's confidential secretary, Louanne Leonard, was re-assigned to serve the Board of Commissioners on a full-time basis. The Secretary to the Board assignment was made effective immediately, but Ms. Leonard was to remain in the office adjacent to the Clerk's.

The circumstances surrounding who might be responsible for the deletion of the county's records is vague. What is known is that it was the computer terminal in Ms. Leonard's office from which the 386

records of the Clerk were deleted.

Though no official charges have been made at this time, it is believed that the Michigan State Police are conducting an investigation into the matter.

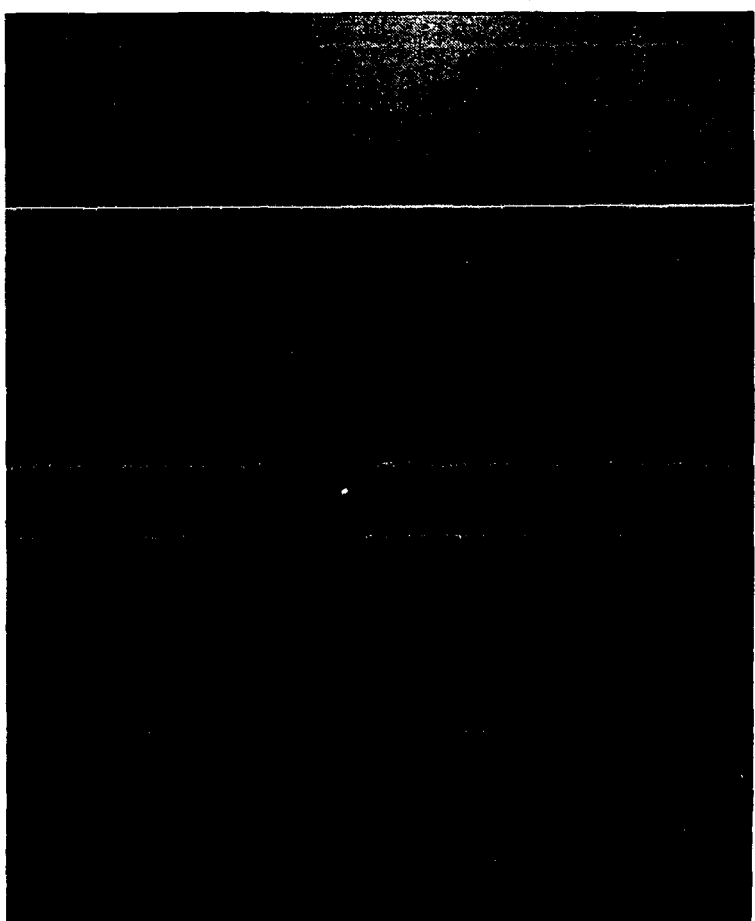
With the assistance of Judicial Management Systems of Cheboygan, the Management of Information Systems officer, Michael Duncel — who also serves the county as Chief Deputy Clerk — is working to retrieve the deleted records from the system's main-frame.

The work done by county staff is saved periodically by the system's main computer, an ASA 400.

Duncel said the process will take time, but he believes that most of the records are still being held in the system's Q-Document file.

Duncel also said there are only three ways in which people access the county's personal computers: the person who uses and is assigned to that computer, the user giving another person authority to enter and a person knowing the original user's password.

Some of the records deleted include: Board agendas, grievances, ordinances, election returns, jury lists, the County's Emergency Plan, grant documents and files from the prosecutor and the courts.



**SPRING IS HERE?** -- Northern Michigan took it on the chin when winter finally arrived March 9. Over 140 schools were closed and many businesses shut down early when travel became nearly impossible due to blizzard conditions.

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## Election Notice

Election will be held on **June 8, 1998** to fill three seats on the Kirtland Community College Board of Trustees. Terms of office to be filled are three, six-year terms beginning July 1, 1998, ending June 30, 2004.

Nominating petitions may be picked up from Sandy Figley in the President's Office, Administration Building, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, Michigan 48653.

Nominating Petitions are also available at the County Clerks' offices in Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw and Oscoda counties and in school superintendents' offices in the Kirtland district.

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# State lawmakers propose plan to improve rural firefighting efforts

by Cheryl A. Ruley  
Staff Writer

Many Grayling Township residents will never forget how their lives were changed May 8, 1990 by the most expensive fire in Crawford County history.

Destroyed were 81 homes, 115 outbuildings and 37 motor vehicles in an area covering more than 5,000 acres of wooded land. Damages amounted to about \$3.5 million.

The burning index on that Tuesday afternoon was at 17, prime conditions for a fire.

At the same time firefighters were battling two smaller fires, totalling 615 acres, in South Branch Township, with losses approaching \$500,000.

Because of a coordinated effort by every township firefighting unit in the county, assisted by units from

Kalkaska County, Camp Grayling and others called in by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the three fires were contained within a total of 11.5 hours.

With lower than normal snowfall this winter and a drier than normal spring expected for Michigan, according to the National Weather Service, state lawmakers are concerned that a shortage of trained wildland firefighters may prove disastrous.

Michigan must maintain its wildland firefighting force as rural home construction continues to increase, area lawmakers said Feb. 23, as they announced a comprehensive plan to ensure public safety.

State Reps. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, and John Gernaat, R-McBain, unveiled the proposals during a news conference at the

Roscommon Forest Fire Experiment Station.

Lowe chaired a 1996 Michigan Wildlife Task Force, which convened public hearings across the state. The group's report is the basis of the reform plan.

"More than 600,000 homes were built in Michigan's rural sections during the past two decades," Lowe said. "That's why we need trained wildland firefighters. A shortage means there would be insufficient personnel to handle more than one large wildfire in an area at a time."

To address the problem, legislators recommend:

- \* Retaining the DNR as the lead state agency for the wildland fire protection program. The department should be properly staffed and equipped to fulfill its responsibilities.

- \* Creating a Forest Fire Advisory Council to review the DNR's fire protection program, focusing on quality improvement.

- \* Refocusing firefighter training in rural areas.

- \* Researching the pros and cons of

purchasing equipment instead of the current system of leasing.

- \* Encouraging firefighter training for as many DNR employees as possible.

- \* Investigating a cooperative effort between the DNR and Michigan State University to operate and upgrade the Forest Fire Experiment Station.

Lowe said most local fire departments lack the training and equipment to deal with wildland fires.

"This is a job for the DNR," Lowe said. "The department must provide the overall leadership and coordination as well as the personnel and equipment. This cannot happen until we provide the tools to get the job done."

The recommendations, which enjoy bipartisan support, are being drafted into legislation.

"Public safety should always be our first concern," Gernaat said. "This common sense plan addresses a serious problem facing communities throughout northern Michigan and deserves immediate consideration."

## Lowe backs bill; make bar membership voluntary

Legislation introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives makes membership in the State Bar of Michigan voluntary for lawyers.

State Rep. Allen Lowe, bill sponsor, said currently lawyers must join the state bar association before they can obtain and maintain a license to practice.

"This compulsory system is unique to lawyers," said Lowe, a state bar member. "No other profession is organized among similar lines."

"Doctors are not required to join the medical society, nor are veterinarians, accountants or architects mandated to belong to their respective professional organizations."

A 1989 U.S. Supreme Court decision is one of several incidents shedding light on growing dissatisfaction within the bar's membership. In *Keller v. State Bar of California*, members said

the bar violated their First Amendment rights by using mandatory dues to finance ideological and political activities that they opposed.

Following the Keller decision, compulsory bars were required to determine the amount of dues spent on activities for which dues could not be involuntarily extracted and allow dissenting members to deduct that amount.

In 1991, 24 percent of the bar's members exercised this right. The next year, the State Bar of Michigan began a major campaign to persuade members not to choose their deduction rights. By 1993, state attorneys exercising their option shot up to 48 percent.

"Compulsory memberships in a state bar association violate the First Amendment right of free association," said Lowe (R-Grayling). "Lawyer organizations should champion the Bill of Rights rather than coercing members to comply."

The 105th District lawmaker said that 22 states, including Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota and Ohio enjoy healthy voluntary bars. These voluntary bars boast regular membership above 70 percent of the state's lawyers, with some exceeding 90 percent.

"Michigan should join their ranks and institute a voluntary system," Lowe said. "Forced dues seems repugnant in a free society. State bar leaders ought to get respect the old-fashioned way; they should earn it."

House Bill 5609 has been sent to the House Judiciary Committee.

## Consumers Energy gives grant to area Adopt A Forest program

by Cheryl A. Ruley  
Staff Writer

The Consumers Energy Foundation (CEF) has awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Michigan Coalition for Clean Forests' Adopt A Forest (AAF) program.

AAF volunteers in northern lower Michigan, alone, have cleaned up nearly one half million acres of forest and public land since 1990, including more than 12,000 scrap tires.

"The Consumers Energy Foundation is delighted to support the efforts of these hard-working volunteers and their outstanding stewardship of our public lands. They're protecting our land and our environment from the damage that illegal dumping can cause and preserving public lands for future generations," said John W. Clark, president of the CEF.

About the grant given to the AAF program, K.L. Cool, director of the state Department of Natural Resources, said, "I'm pleased that the Consumers Energy Foundation has recognized their efforts and dedication with this grant."

Crawford County area adopters include the Lovells Mafia, Cub Scout Pack 3993 and a list of many individuals.

Also involved is a group called the Lovells Hook and Trigger. Members Otto and Darlene Brantley are very enthusiastic about clean-up efforts in the county and encourage

groups and businesses to get involved.

The Lovells Hook and Trigger has cleaned up along the roads in their area as part of the Adopt A Highway program.

Along with Consumers Energy, major supporters of the AAF project in the Grayling area include MichCon, Northern Oaks Recycling & Disposal Facility, National Bank of Detroit, Georgia Pacific and Weyerhaeuser.

In the past, support has come from such Grayling sources as Dan Chozick Creative Make-up, 7-Eleven, Pizza Hut, Big Boy Restaurant, Goodale's Bakery, Grayling Country Club, Foward's Shell Food Mart, Bucci's Pizzeria, Burger King and Subway.

Funds from these contributions have helped pay for such things as brochures, adopter designation signs installed in the woods and food and drink at clean-up picnics and events. Contributors also donate prizes as incentives to get more people involved in AAF projects.

A statewide forest and public land project is being planned for May 8-17.

Contact Ada Takacs at 348-6381 at the Grayling Field Office of the Department of Environmental Quality, the Adopt A Part of Michigan office at 1-888-797-6272, or Otto Brantley at 348-9567 for more information.

## CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

Federal and Michigan tax forms are available at the Crawford County Library.

If the forms are not on the shelf in the entryway, copies can be made from the reproducible tax forms for 25 cents a page.

Plus, the Michigan Department of Treasury has launched their web page at: [www.treas.state.mi.us](http://www.treas.state.mi.us) This site includes 1997 Michigan tax forms for both business and individual plus college funding, and more. MEL, Michigan Electronic Library is linked directly with the Treasury tax forms subpage and you can download forms at <http://mel.lib.us/michigan/mitaxforms.html>

For more information call 348-9214. Crawford County Library is open Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone is 348-9214.

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**AND THE WINNER IS...** County Flag Logo Contest winner, Krystal Savoie, right, holds her winning flag design. With Krystal is her grandmother, Kay Garofalo of Clinton Township. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

## Bill would bar prisoner parole appeals

by Shannon Shelton  
Capital News Service

Efforts to restrict prisoners' rights to appeal negative parole decisions are quickly gaining support in the Legislature.

Sen. Leon Stille (R-Spring Lake) introduced the bill to prohibit prisoners from appealing unfavorable decisions made by the state Parole Board. Less than two weeks after its introduction, the bill passed the Senate 34-0.

Under current law, prisoner appeals create unnecessary work for courts and increased costs, he said. "The biggest thing is cost and congestion created by appeals. There has to be a limit before it becomes a nuisance."

Prisoners are eligible for parole after serving the minimum sentence determined by the courts. The board can then choose to grant a prisoner parole.

The Parole Board consists of 10 members appointed by the governor.

Supporters of the bill say inmates constantly file appeals because they have a lot of free time, thus wasting the courts' time and resources.

Sen. Mike Rogers, (R-Brighton), a co-sponsor of the bill, said no prisoner has the right to even be considered for parole - much less the right to appeal a

parole denial. "Parole is not a right - it's a privilege we put in the system. They ought to be feeling lucky we didn't eliminate it period."

Rogers also believes the appeals are unnecessary because the parole board does its job well. "Decisions are made for the safety and security of the people of Michigan. I applaud the Parole Board for making it harder to get paroled."

Wendy Wagenheim, legislative director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, disagrees, saying the denial of anyone's right to appeal is a travesty of justice.

"This is outrageous. This is clearly a violation of the equal protection afforded by the U.S. Constitution," Wagenheim said.

She said that it's unconstitutional to give one group of people -- such as prosecutors -- the right to appeal a decision, but at the same time, deny prisoners that right.

Before 1992, no one had the right to appeal a Parole Board decision, according to Department of Corrections public information administrator Matt Davis. That year, a bill was introduced to permit victims, families of victims and prosecutors to appeal.

## Volunteers needed for foster care review board

The State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court is seeking volunteers to serve on several northern Michigan counties' Foster Care Review Boards.

In 1984, The Michigan Legislature established the Foster Care Review Board Program in an effort to improve children's foster care programs through the state's utilization of citizen review boards.

Currently, Foster Care Review Boards operate in 15 counties throughout Michigan. The state is looking to establish a board in Crawford county, as well as in Antrim, Arenac, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Missaukee, Ogemaw, Otsego, Roscommon and Wexford counties.

The Foster Care Review Boards are comprised of five citizens each who

reflect a broad cross-section of the their communities. The program is seeking volunteers who have demonstrated leadership in other settings. Employees of the Family Independence Agency, juvenile court, or private child placement agencies are prohibited by law to serve on Foster Care Review Boards.

Duties of the review board are to meet for one day each month to review a representative sample of cases of children who have been placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. Board members interview parents, foster parents, caseworkers, attorneys and other interested parties who may be involved in planning for the needs of the child.

Advisory recommendations are formulated and mailed to the court, child welfare agency, prosecuting attorney, parents and other interested parties. The purpose of the review is to insure that all agencies, including the court, have established a plan for the child and progress is being made toward achieving placement permanency.

Each volunteer who is selected must attend a two day orientation in Gaylord on May 28-29. This training is a requirement to serve on a board. Also, board members attend yearly training which is held in different locations throughout the state. Expenses for training are reimbursed.

Citizens interested in volunteering for a Foster Care Review Board should call (517) 373-1956 for an application. The deadline for receiving applications is March 31 and interviews with prospective candidates will take place in April.

Subsequent changes, however, added prisoners to that list and the amended version of the bill was passed.

Davis hopes Stille's bill will remove prisoners from that list. "We never believed prisoners should have an automatic right to appeal. The decision should rest with the Parole Board," Davis said.

According to Davis, of the 2,450 denials challenged between 1995 and 1997, only one was overturned.

The proposal's next step is the Democratic-controlled House, where Stille believes passage won't be as swift, although he says negotiation is possible. "My hope is that calmer minds and judgment take effect."

Rep. Ted Wallace (D-Detroit) who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, said no hearings are scheduled.

Stille said a push from Gov. John Engler played a significant role in the legislation's quick passage through the Republican-controlled Senate.

In his State of the State speech Jan. 29, Engler said repealing the law was an important step in the effort to fight crime. "It is imperative that we get rid of a law that gives prisoners the right to challenge denial of parole. When the Parole Board says 'no,' it should mean 'no.'"

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## Guilty plea filed

Michael J. McFarland, 17, of Grayling, was arrested by the Grayling City Police on Feb. 20 and charged with breaking and entering with the intent to commit larceny in connection with a break-in at the Grayling Middle School, reported to the police on Feb. 15.

Appearing before Judge Francis Walsh on March 3, McFarland waived his right to a preliminary examination and was bound over to 46th District Court for arraignment.

McFarland pled guilty to the charges and is expected to appear before Judge Walsh at 9 a.m. on April 7 for sentencing.

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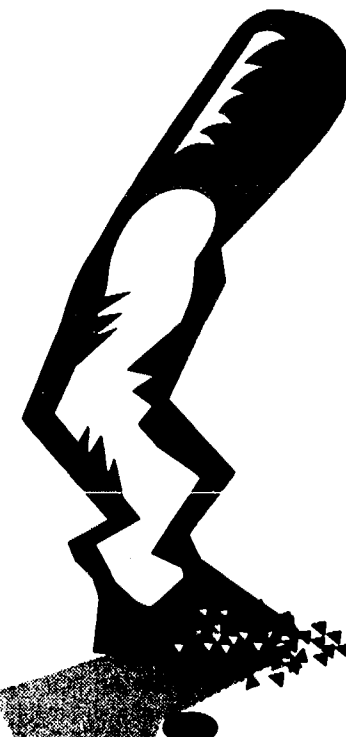


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# OPINIONS



## ALMANACK

by Richard Millman

### Departed senator leaves no shadow

**STATE SEN. HENRY** Stallings of Detroit is about to become an ex-senator.

Sen. Stallings was elected in 1994 after repeated failed attempts to win one office or another. In one of his frequent flights of political fancy that year, he entered the Democratic primary against well entrenched Democratic Sen. David Holmes in what at one time would have been known as a "yellow dog Democrat" district.

The description came into use in the old days to describe a rabid partisan, who would vote the party line even if "a yellow dog" was the candidate. The principle, of course, can be applied to Republican zealots as well, but political history shows the term was first applied to Democrats.

So it was in the solidly Democratic Holmes district in Detroit. But lightning struck in 1994, when Sen. Holmes died during the primary season and Mr. Stallings was left as the lone person on the "yellow dog" Democrat ticket.

Lo and behold, he won.

ONCE IN LANSING, Sen.

Stallings exhibited all the reasons he hadn't won anything before. He cast no shadow at all.

Left at that, he might have survived and even prospered in legislative surroundings. Many lawmakers have built careers out of nothing positive, as long as the negatives didn't do them in.

Sen. Stallings was not one of those, however. Suspicious and allegations dogged his brief tenure in the Senate.

Finally one charge stuck. He was accused of using state funds to pay an employee who worked in his privately-owned art gallery.

Using taxpayer dollars to pay private employees is illegal, and off to court he did go, where he pleaded guilty as part of a plea bargain.

Then the Senate system took over. He lost his committee assignments and his staff, and a bipartisan senate committee looking into the situation voted to expel him.

To avoid that precedent — no member has yet been expelled from the Senate, although several have resigned in face of probable expulsion — Sen. Stallings resigned. It's no loss to the state.

Again, he cut a deal. He remained on the state payroll for a month, meaning he is to collect another \$4,955 of a senator's \$53,192 annual salary, another \$823 expense money, and another \$279 if he makes at least one trip from Detroit to Lansing during the sabbatical month.

In his resignation speech, Sen. Stallings pleaded innocent, claimed that time would prove he was wronged, and promised to return.

It's not likely — although strange things happen in politics, as his election in the first place tends to prove.

SO THE MICHIGAN Senate remains pure and protected.

Is Sen. Stallings the only senator who has used state funds for private purposes? Or just the only one who has been so blatant about it and to get caught in the act?

Has any senator ever received help from a state-paid assistant in performing a non-senate chore — such as soothing upset voters or putting out political fires back in the district, or helping to get nominating petitions signed or filed, or lending a hand during a campaign election

period, or helping out at a state party convention?

Are such tasks never performed, or are they all in the public interest? Or is any political activity actually performed on the employee's "own time" or during annual leave or vacation?

Has any senator ever crossed that line of abusing state funds for private purposes, and gotten away with it?

Those are hypothetical questions, of course, but interesting ones.

What others may or may not do certainly does not justify Sen. Stallings' overtly improper activities, nor his maneuvering in trying to deny them or get out of them.

Resignation is fine, although the pay and expenses should have stopped immediately.

He should not hold public office. Case closed.

Richard Millman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.



## FROM OUR CORNER

by Whitey Madsen

### Ex-Editor's grass roots opinions, etc.

It's no use...I've tried to keep my New Year's promise of being nice in my writing to no avail. All I do is keep looking at a blank sheet of paper.

So, With all the shenanigans going on in the alleged sex life in the White House...the Iraq situation with Hussein playing cat and mouse...who is going to get caught lying in the Kenneth Starr Grand Jury probe?

We here-with submit our grass root opinions and let the ball bounce where it may.

It has been hard for me to even fathom how the President of the United States could supposedly get involved with a girl around the same age as his daughter.

I will join the rest, and wait and see before passing judgement. I guess my real problem is, that so many lies have come from Willie and Hillary since they took over the White House that most anything could be the truth.

It doesn't help Clinton's track record with his affair with Ms. Flowers. He couldn't control his zipper then, why now? I don't know if they have chasity belts for men, but if they do, that could be a birthday present from the First Lady.

Speaking of the First Lady. She came on TV that she was standing steadfast behind her husband. That was no surprise. You don't think Hillary would give up the lofty position of First Lady of the land. Plus all the globe trotting she does at the expense of the taxpayer, and then nothing concrete shows what she accomplished.

#### IRAQ, ANOTHER STORY

To all those college students and their protesting, the members of the senate and the house, and the talk show hosts that feel they know it all...may I suggest you take a long hard look at Saddam Hussein and the method he is using in concealing his arsenal of mass destruction.

Every time he disrupted the UN inspection teams just gave him time to move his bombs and rockets.

For those who may have forgotten, especially the protesting students who weren't born yet...There was a similar mad-men in the 1930s that nearly conquered all of Europe and a good chunk of Russia before the United States got into the fray and made Hitler fight on his western front as well as the eastern front against Russia.

If you have any doubts about how ruthless Hussein is, you only had to watch a segment of 60 Minutes on TV Sunday evening, March 1st.

It showed the effects of the bombing with mustard gas of a city in northern Iraq (his own people) because they showed sympathy towards Iran in 1988 during the Iraq-Iran war. Thousands of men, women and children were killed and thousands were maimed for the rest of their lives.

For example of what mustard gas will do. I attended a chemical warfare school at Edgewood Arsenal while in the service. After going through the chemical obstacle course, a drop of the gas (no bigger than a pin point) was put on my arm. By days end it was as round as a quarter. That scar lasted about 20

years.

In other words, I would rather be a live Hawk, than a dead Dove.

#### STARR'S GRAND JURY

The players in Ken Starr's scenario changes every day that the ol' fella has given up trying to keep track of what is happening.

The parade of witnesses in the Grand Jury probe has the appearance of a 3-ring circus. Starr should have just made a blanket subpoena for everyone who has come in contact with the President. Than they could have lined up according to rank and taken their turn with the Grand Jury.

I do feel Starr lost some credibility when he subpoenaed Monica Lewinsky's mother to testify about her daughter. That was a low blow.

#### SHE WAS JUST A DOG

That's right. Tasha was just a dog...but to Thelma and I she was a precious part of our family.

She came into our lives a little over 10 years ago...just at the time both of us retired from our jobs.

Very few times when the two of us would go some where that she wasn't with us. When we would start putting on our coats she would run from one of us to the other, and sit up as if to ask, "am I going too?"

When we would go out to Nevada to see our son Dane and family, we would take her to Ohio to spend the time with her second family, Toni, John, T.J. and Stefany. When ever they would come to Michigan, it was like old home week for her.

Tasha turned 12 this past December. About a year ago she started to show signs of arthritis sitting in. In the last couple of weeks cataracts began to form, and she had trouble getting around. It was then we made the painful decision to let her go.

She was just a dog...but then...dog is God spelled backwards.

What others have said...

\* QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Speaking Monday about the balanced federal budget on ABC-TV's *Political Incorrect*, Bill Maher quipped, "The last time we had a balanced budget, Many of the president's mistresses were not even born."

\* IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED: Gov. John Engler has proposed a special program to help third-graders learn to read. But there already is such a program. It is

# EDITOR

## Reader questions use of street and sewer tax

To the editor,

I found great irony within a recent *Avalanche* article, that the City Attorney found a likely loophole (in the traffic enforcement code of all places) that would permit (at least in that lawyer's opinion) our local politicians to continue taxing the income of workers within the City. (This lawyer did not suggest a motel occupancy tax as an option.)

It seems that 26 years ago, May 16, 1972, during the Vietnam War, residents voted to tax themselves, and non-resident worker's wages as well "only" for street and sewer construction. Although in most communities sidewalks are paid for, through property taxes, it seems as though the Grayling leadership finds sidewalks (read loop-hole) to be a good excuse NOT to discontinue this greedy government addic-

tion. Most taxpaying motorists understand the simple distinction, when instructed, "please drive on the street, not on the sidewalk." Of course, sidewalks are a very good idea in most towns, but few of them are shoveled in winter here, and some not at all. Actually, the amount of time (and for many additional dollars in tax form preparation) spent would permit most of us to have heated sidewalks installed, if done by ourselves. When politicians and bureaucrats have to turn to the lawyering class to plan our futures for us, the term, Government of, by and for the "people" becomes a mere platitude for spin miesters.

"Beam me up Scottie, the Man's word is meaningless down here."

Joseph Callewart  
Grayling

## Betty asks...

### Question of the week:

What do other drivers do that really ticks you off?



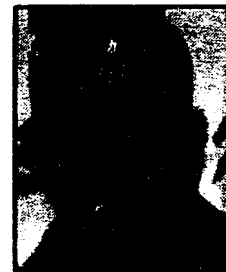
Dan Starks  
Grayling, MI

"The guy who's in such a hurry, he pulls out in front of me, then slows down."



Robert Wakeley  
Grayling, MI

"They pass me on the curve on M-72 where it merges to two lanes, they drive 70 MPH at least."



John Blackstone  
Wayne County

"Doing 35 MPH in the fast lane."



Dena Angrove  
Grayling, MI

"They don't use their blinkers."

There you have it...My biggest gripe is the person who passes in a no passing zone...people "auto" be more careful!

Betty Pearl

Advertising Representative  
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This week's question was asked Friday in the Grayling area.

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# BRIEFS

## Amicare Hospice Bereavement training

Mercy Amicare Hospice Spiritual coordinator, Mary Beth Dettling will be presenting a Hospice bereavement training for persons interested in becoming a bereavement volunteer.

If you are interested in attending, call 1-800-424-1457 or (517) 348-4383 to sign up or for more information.

## Extra SHARE sign-up at the COA

Due to the snow storm there will be an extra SHARE sign-up on Monday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Commission on Aging, 308 Lawndale, Grayling. Pick up will be at Reformed Latter Day Saints Church on Friday March 27 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a Easter Holiday Box available to order for \$15.

## Lions Lucky 13 winner announced

Grayling Lions Lucky 13 winner number nine is Deanna Kirby of Grayling, winning \$300.

## Youth Activity Center changes hours

The Chritisan Youth Activity Center has changed it's hours. We will no longer be open on Sundays, but have added hours after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The current hours are as follows: Monday, 7 to 10 (Bible Study); Tuesday and Thursday, after school to 5:30; Friday, 5 to 11; Saturday, 1 to 11. Our new after school hours are an important addition to our current program. We want to give our kids a safe place to gather in. For more information about our after school program call Dan at (517) 344-9033.

## Ladies of St. John Lutheran luncheon set

The Ladies of St. John Lutheran Church will host a luncheon and card party, Wednesday, March 18, in the fellowship beginning at noon. For more information call 348-5224.

## Reading Fun Night to be held

The parents and teachers of the AuSable Primary and Grayling Elementary Schools will be sponsoring a "Reading Fun Night" on March 19 in the AuSable Primary Cafeteria. There will be a hot dog dinner at 6 p.m., cost is \$2 per person. Activities will begin at 6:30 p.m. for students in grades K-5, with prizes for everyone.

## Church is back in service

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will resume services back at the church beginning Sunday, March 15 at 10 a.m. Sunday School will follow. On April 5, regular services will resume from 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

## Italian dinner planned

There will be an Italian dinner held at the Michelson United Methodist Church on Friday, March 20 from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 per person, \$3 for those under the age of three and \$20 for a family.

## Ostomy group to hold meeting

The Straits Area Ostomy Association will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. in Classroom C & D at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. For information call 517-821-5721.

## Rep. Lowe to answer questions

State Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, has scheduled office hours with Crawford County residents on Friday, March 13, from 9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. at the Crawford County Court House.

## 'On My Way' infant carrier defective

Owners of the Evenflo 'On My Way' infant carrier/car seat are warned that the carrying handle may be defective and come loose while in use. The defect has caused at least 89 injuries. For a free repair kit call: 1-800-203-2138.

## Central Michigan announces graduates

Bethany J. Bobenmoyer of Grayling was listed as a December 1997 graduate of Central Michigan University. She finished with a Bachelor of Science degree.

## Roscommon woman elected

Susan Vick, North Central Community Mental Health board member, from Roscommon County, was elected to the office of First Vice President of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards (MACMHB) at its February, 1998, meeting.

Ms. Vick has been active with the MACMHB since her appointment to the North Central CMH board in 1991. She has been a member of the executive Board, the Legislative Committee, and as an officer of the northern region. In addition to her statewide responsibilities she is currently serving her second term as chairperson of the North Central CMH board of directors.

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## Blue Cross warns snow

Attention joggers, cyclists, skaters and other athletes! Do not assume you are immune from suffering a heart attack when shoveling snow. Activities such as rollerblading, running and bike riding may help you get in good physical condition, but when it comes to shoveling snow, do not take being healthy or in good shape for granted, says Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Corporate Medical Director Dexter W. Shurney, M.D.

"These exercises may not be strengthening arm muscles to the same degree as leg muscles. Since shoveling snow involves the arms, the heart has to work harder to pump blood because circulation in the arms is usually less efficient," says Dr. Shurney.

Even those with good upper body strength should take precautions and pace themselves. "Lifting 10 shovels of wet snow in one minute's time is comparable to climbing seven flights of stairs. A full shovel of wet snow can weigh as much as 20

## Blue Shield shovelers

pounds," says Dr. Shurney. "When you are clearing a large area, you are placing tremendous strain on your heart."

Shurney also warns that it is important to watch your breathing. "It is a natural inclination to hold your breath as you lift a heavy shovel of snow. Since this decreases the return of blood to the heart, it can cause cardiac irregularities," says Shurney.

The cold weather adds additional strain on your heart. Low temperatures can increase blood pressure in some people as well as causing a spasm of the coronary arteries, major blood vessels that supply blood to the heart. It is also important to wear a hat because at least 30-40 percent of body heat is lost through the head. Avoid coffee, alcoholic beverages and tobacco before shoveling snow. These substances dilate blood vessels, decreasing the body's ability to retain heat and increasing chances of developing hypothermia.

## State House approves the land deal for Grayling Township Park

Grayling Township has the largest land area of any township in the Lower Peninsula, but it has no park.

That is about to change thanks to Rep. Allen Lowe and other local leaders.

The Michigan House unanimously approved Lowe's legislation giving the township approximately 85 acres of state-owned forest located about a mile and half northeast of Grayling.

The measure, approved earlier by the Senate, now goes to the governor's desk. Under House Bill 4979, the land only can be used for public recreational purposes.

"With a 20-percent population growth, land in the township is at a premium," said Lowe (R-Grayling).

Approximately 80 percent of the township's property is owned by the state and federal government.

That's why Lowe and township officials were excited when local DNR officials agreed to the transfer. The land is close to the center of the

township and its population. The property also is easily accessible, with the I-75 right-of-way bordering on the east and the North Down River Drive exit less than one mile away.

Grayling Township leaders are planning to develop a parking area on the south end, with adjacent landscaped garden, picnic and fenced playground areas complete with water and restroom facilities.

Long-term proposals include an amphitheater, lighted softball field and tennis court.

"Township officials are planning quality services for area residents," Lowe said. "Thanks to their foresight, money for the project is included in the budget."

Lowe is familiar with the property as he used to trout fish in the vicinity.

"Turning this land into a park is a wonderful idea," Lowe said. "A park will be a lasting legacy to the residents of Grayling Township."

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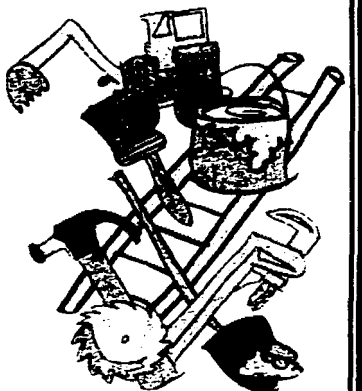
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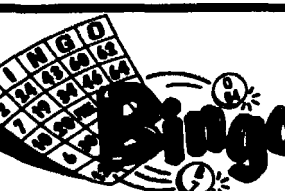


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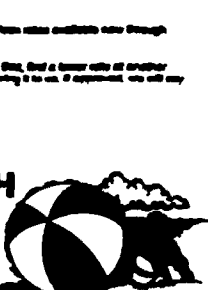
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## MARCH 1998

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TUES 17	• CPA MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. • AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION DINNER meeting @ 5:30 pm. Call Cathy @ 348-8076 for more info • V & JV BBB REGIONALS • CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS meeting @ Milltown Groomers, 7 pm. For more info call 348-4117 • AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini-Mall race office, 7 pm • ADD/ADHD PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP meeting @ GMS conference room, 7-9 pm for more info call 348-7641 ext. 527/528
WED 18	• ROTARY MEETING @ Patti's Towne House, 12 noon. • WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church, M-72 West; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting, 5:30 pm. For more information call Mary, 348-5306. • LIONS CLUB meeting @ Breaker's Steak House, 6:30 pm. • PROJECT GRADUATION MEETING @ HS 7 pm • COA BOARD meeting @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale, 5:30 pm

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# The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary  
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## Peace

Everyone wants peace, but on their own terms. Wars come from lust and hatred within the human heart. (James 4:1-2) This is why Christ said we will always have wars and rumours of wars until the time when he returns. (Matthew 24:6) Individuals, families, and nations will face more war.

When Christ was born the angels declared: (Luke 2:14) "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Jesus Christ came to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 9:6. He is the Prince of Peace and when He returns to earth as King of righteousness and peace (Heb 7:26), then Isaiah 9:7 will be literally fulfilled: "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

Christ came first to die for our sins that we might have peace with God. (Colossians 1:20) "And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in Heaven." He was fulfilling Psalm 85:10 as He hung on the cross: "Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have

kissed each other." (Ephesians 2:14) "For He is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us." (Galatians 3:28) "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1) "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Christ sends us forth to preach the gospel of peace. (Romans 10:15) "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Acts 10:36) "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (He is Lord of all:)" (Ephesians 2:17) "And came and preached peace to you which afar off, and to them that were nigh." Christ said to His disciples in John 14:27: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Christmas should be filled with peace. We find peace in loving God's Word: (Psalms 119:165) "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." (Proverbs 3:2) "For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee." God even gives us peace with our enemies: (Proverbs 16:7) "When a

man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." (Romans 14:19) "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another." (Ephesians 4:3) "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." (Colossians 3:15) "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body: and be ye thankful." (Isaiah 26:3) "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Shalom!

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## Curtain to go up soon for 'Bye Bye Birdie'

Audiences at the Grayling High School spring musical will see 17 set changes during the 2-1/2 hour production of *Bye Bye Birdie*.

The musical comedy, by Lee Adams and Charles Strouse, will be presented on the stage of the Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26-28, at 7:30 p.m.

This first musical by the GHS Players since 1995's *Knight in Rusty Armor* will feature 13 different sets, including a house interior, two train stations, a backstage and a court house.

Mark Binert, GHS art instructor, is overseeing the design and construction of the sets in his position as technical director of the play.

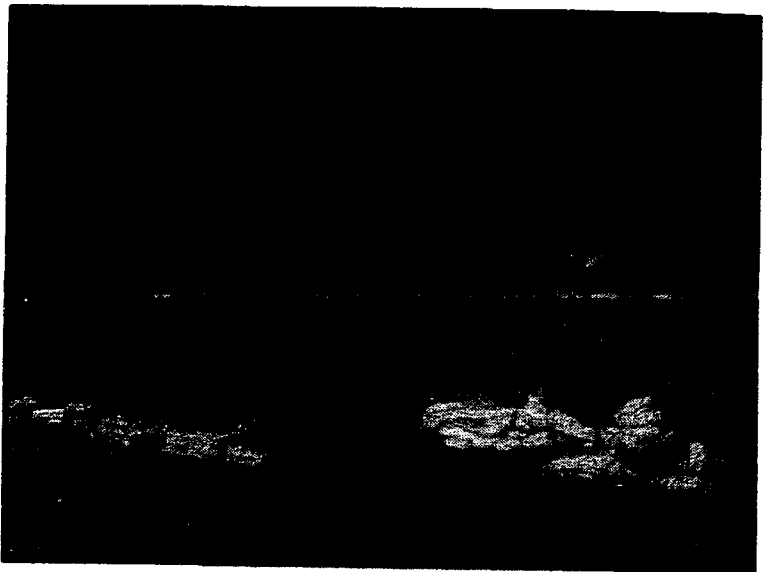
"The sheer number (of sets) is overwhelming," said director Andrea Binert, GHS language arts and advanced studies instructor. "Plus Mark and Jim Carman and all the students are doing some pretty creative things."

Part of the team's creativity is necessary because the GHS auditori-

um has very little fly and wing space, areas above and to the sides of the stage where sets can go when not in use.

For the train stations, for example, Binert and his staff are painting one side to suggest Penn Station and the other side to represent the Sweet Apple station.

Mark Binert said that adding to the challenge is the necessity of working around all the other events held in the auditorium and creating the sets on a limited budget.



**CRAFTY LADIES** - The American Legion Ladies Auxiliary held one of their craft shows March 8, with proceeds going to their scholarship program. Pictured from left are: Yette Szkotnicki, auxiliary member; Joan LaMarra, owner of Nature House in Waters; Sharon Jewell, Auxiliary President; and Evelyn Keir, auxiliary member.

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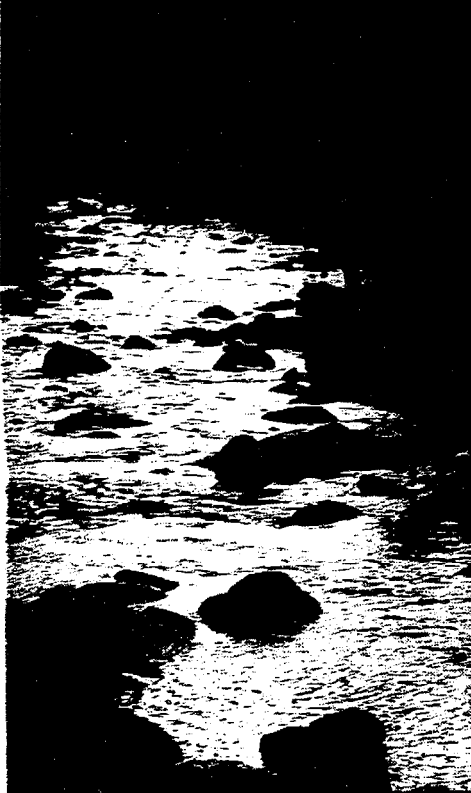
### The Path to Personality

How beautiful this simple scene in God's world...a creek that ripples and sparkles, reflecting the sun as it gurgles through the wilderness. Now picture a still pond...no rippling...no gurgling. Which would you rather experience? Would it perhaps be the creek? It just seems to have a happy personality, don't you agree?

Note that it took a myriad of stones of all shapes and sizes, and certainly twice a fallen branch here and there, for the water to develop those ripples that lap at the stream so merrily.

We develop our personalities similarly. As we travel through life, there are rocky times when the path is made rough by unforeseen disappointments and sorrow. Yet, as we trust our Heavenly Father to guide us, we emerge with new peace and wisdom that inspires happiness in ourselves and in others.

As you worship each week, share your personality with others sharing God's house. Let your sparkle reflect God in your life.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Psalms 42	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Luke 1:46-56	Nehemiah 1:1-11
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Nehemiah 9:1-37	Jeremiah 8:18-9:16	Jeremiah 32:16-44	

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209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord  
Sunday Service.....10:30 am  
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(temporarily held at AsAble Primary)  
Sunday Worship.....10 am  
Sunday School.....11:15 am  
Coffee Fellowship.....12 noon  
Bible Study (Wed.).....10 am

**Seventh Day Adventist**  
Pastor David Stramel  
Phone 348-4445  
Services held Saturday at Camp AsAble off  
M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp  
entrance).  
Church Service.....9:30 am  
Sabbath School.....10:30 am  
Prayer Meeting Tues.....7 pm

**Burning Bush Tabernacle**  
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278  
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling  
Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Service & Children's Church. 11 am  
Sunday Evening Service.....6 pm  
Monday Prayer Meeting.....7 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm  
Thursday Discipleship Class.....7 pm

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Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor  
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Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588  
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Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday - Family Night  
Adult-Youth-Children.....7 pm

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Sacrament.....10 am  
Sunday School.....11 am  
Primary.....11 am  
Priesthood.....12 noon  
Relief Society.....12 noon

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Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411  
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Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday.....7 pm

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Adult Bible Study.....9:15 am  
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Church School.....9:45 am  
Preaching.....11 am  
Midweek Service Prayer.....7 pm

**Gaylord Christian Reformed**  
Rev. V. Schaap  
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Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7:30 pm

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Sabbath Eucharist

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Sunday Mass.....8 am  
Family Mass.....10:30 am  
Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing.....9:30 am  
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Wednesday & 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday.....8:30 am  
Daily Worship  
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.

**First Baptist Church of Frederic**  
Pastor Dale Hammond  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study.....7 pm

**Calvary Baptist church**  
Dr. Robert Burdett, Pastor  
M-72 West  
Sunday School.....9:45 am  
Morning Worship.....10:30 am  
Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Mid-Week Services  
Wednesday.....7 pm  
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.).....7 pm

**Church of Christ**  
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Old US-27 at Skyline Rd. • 275-4388  
Sunday Classes.....10:30 am  
Sunday Worship.....11:15 am  
Sunday Evening.....6 pm  
Wednesday

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Sunday School.....9 am  
Sunday Service.....10 am

**The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message**  
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Wed. Prayer Service.....7 pm

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Sunday Worship.....11 am & 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7 pm

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Morning Worship.....11 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
Wednesday Service.....7 pm

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Worship Service.....11 am & 6 pm  
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Wednesday.....7 pm

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Chapel Service.....11 am  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting.....7:30 pm

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Morning Service.....11 am  
Evening Service.....6 pm  
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Sunday Worship.....10:30 am  
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Morning Praise.....10:30 am  
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Children's Sunday School.....9:30 am  
Sunday nursery provided.....10:30 am  
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Sunday School.....10 am  
Sunday Morning Worship.....11 am  
Sunday Evening Worship.....6 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm

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## Encore Society of Music presents Dessert Concert

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

The Encore Society of Music presented a Sunday night Dessert Concert at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. The March 8 concert featured four different musical lineups and a sit-down dessert reception immediately following.

Mardi Gras Getaway began the musical event, performing *That Newport Rag* by Stephen Kent Goodman, *Beale Street Blues* by W.C. Handy, *Tuba Tiger Rag* by Harry Decosta, *Hoagy Carmichael In Concert* arranged by Warren Barker, *Summer In Central Park* by Frank Benciscutto, *Ellington, A Tribute to the Duke* arranged by Kerchner and *Stick Figures* by Jay Chattaway.

The Black Earth Collaborative Arts Company then performed *The Fat Tuesday Project*, composed by Tom Bourcier. This number included spoken word poetry over unusual music as well as dance. At one point five of the musicians got up and roamed around the aisles while playing their instruments, creating a unique concert

experience.

Encore Voices, an 'a cappella' group, sang three songs including *I'm Beginning to See the Light*, *Isn't It Romantic* and *Blue Skies*. Encore Voices debuted about a year and a half ago in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

Encore Winds finished off the night's musical agenda with *Dixieland Jam*, arranged by Bob Lowden.

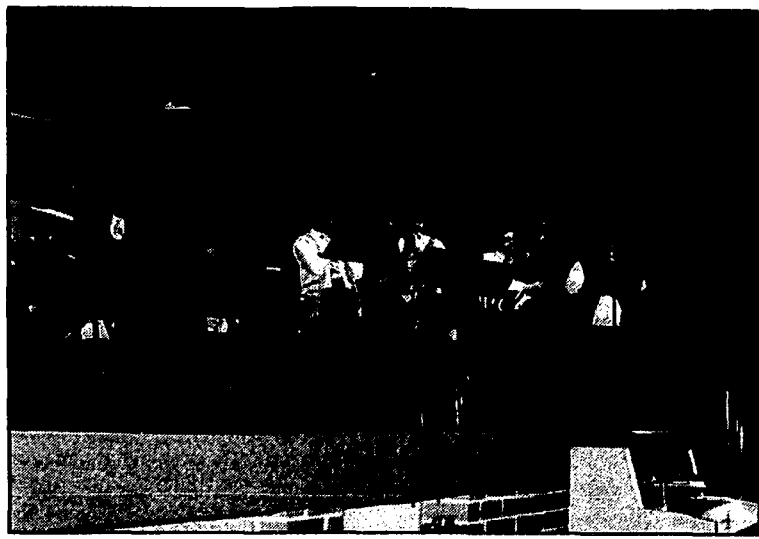
All the performances featured solos by various players and instruments.

Following the concert both the audience and the performers socialized and feasted on desserts.

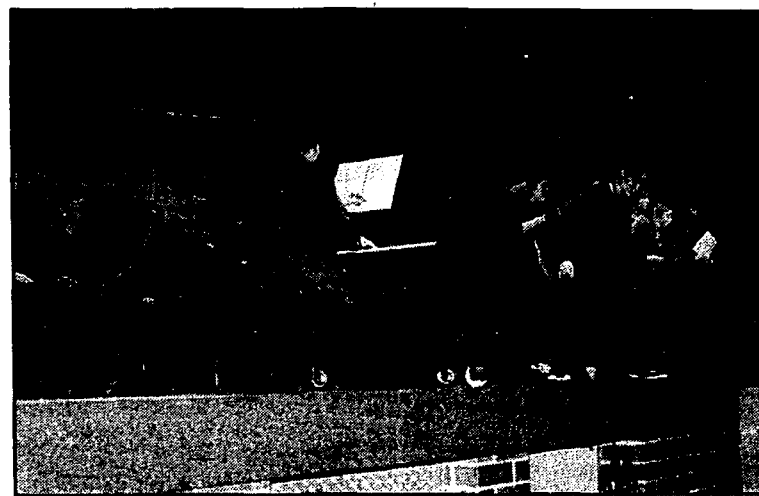
The next Cultural Events concert will feature the Western Michigan University Vocal and Instrumental Gold Co. The Gold Co. will perform on March 26 at the Evergreen Room in the Grayling Holiday Inn.

Seats for the WMU concert are available by reservation only. Tickets are \$22.50 and include dinner. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

For ticket information or show schedules call the Cultural Events Hotline at 348-7641 or 348-5892 ext. 609.



**DIXIELAND JAM** -- Encore Winds performs the last selection of the night before the reception portion of Sunday night's Dessert Concert.



**MUSIC, POETRY AND DANCE** -- In a Sunday night concert at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium The Black Earth Collaborative Arts Company performed a number called *The Fat Tuesday Project*. The selection included orchestra music, piano, spoken word poetry, roving musicians and dance.

### Kirtland offers butterfly courses

Kirtland Community College's Community Services are offering three separate courses for people interested in learning more about butterflies.

On March 21 the Education Director of the Young Entomologist's Society, Gary Dunn, will conduct the course entitled "Gardening to Attract Butterflies." The class will be held on the Kirtland campus from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost of taking the course is \$39.

In the month of June there will be two sessions of the course "Photographing Butterflies and Wildflowers" taught by award-winning nature photographer Jeremy Jones. The class will take place June 13 and 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Jones' 160-acre wildlife preserve, which is located six miles northeast of Roscommon. The cost is also \$39.

The program "Touring Michigan's Butterfly Habitat" will begin the evening of Friday June 26 with a reception and brief workshop. Mogens Nielsen, the Adjunct Curator of Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths) at Michigan State University, will lead the course.

On Saturday morning participants will join Nielson for a trip north to

Historic Mill Creek State Park and later to the Mackinaw Island Butterfly House.

The \$53 fee for the butterfly tour course includes: Friday and Saturday evening receptions, a workshop, mini-sessions, a ticket to the Historic Mill Creek State Park, a ticket to the Mackinaw Island Butterfly House and ferry transportation. Group discounts are available.

Senior and Attend-With-A-Friend discounts are available for all three butterfly courses.

For further information or to register for a course call the Community Services at 517-275-5121, ext. 210.

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## Bill aims to protect veggies from slander

by Ken Van Steenkiste  
Capital News Service

LANSING - News reporters, activists and lobbyists may soon have to watch what they say about those greens on your dinner plate.

Under a bill being considered by the Legislature, someone offering negative opinions about Michigan's agricultural products could be fined a bushel.

The measure is aimed at protecting Michigan's farmers from people who knowingly make false statements about their products, said the sponsor, Rep. Allen Lowe (R-Grayling).

"This legislation isn't designed to target someone in the media engaged in legitimate reporting," Lowe said.

The law would aim to punish activist and industry groups that willfully make false statements in an attempt to further a political or social agenda, Lowe said.

The legislation has been taken up by the House Agriculture Committee at the same time as a highly publicized lawsuit by Texas beef producers against TV talk-show hostess Oprah Winfrey played out in U.S. District Court.

A federal jury ruled Thursday that Winfrey wasn't guilty of defaming the beef producers, a decision the entertainer hailed as a big victory for First Amendment rights.

Some experts warn that free and open discussion of food safety issues is limited by such laws and worry over the implications of similar legislation in Michigan.

"Certainly you're going to see reporters and editors looking over their shoulders a bit more," said Sue Carter, an attorney and associate professor of journalism at Michigan State University.

"Reporters who libel a business can always be held accountable under existing laws. Creating a specific cause of action seems excessive."

The bill provides for "triple damages." Someone found to have knowingly disseminated false and damaging information about an agricultural product would have to repay three times the amount of damage to whoever produced that product.

Larry De Cock, whose family has earned its living farming produce in Macomb Township for three generations, said unsubstantiated claims about so-called dangerous chemicals used by farmers can cost them their livelihood.

"Anytime you have a scare it impacts local business," he said.

"Just like you don't go into a movie theater and yell 'fire,' you shouldn't make these kinds of accusations and present them as facts if there isn't substantial proof."

De Cock said the media use food scare stories to grab attention or boost ratings, giving the public the wrong idea about the safety of their food.

"Some of these claims aren't based on any research or field data, and people take them as the gospel truth,"

## HEALTHLINE

### The hidden dangers of tobacco

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,  
Health Educator

*Q: I know tobacco is a major cause of cancer and heart disease. What are other problems associated with it?*

**A:** Actually, the list of health-related problems linked to tobacco is seemingly endless as more and more research uncovers the little known health risks associated with using tobacco in any form. As if cancer and heart disease aren't a big enough scare, here are a few more:

**Premature aging** -- smokers suffer from skin wrinkling associated with aging at a much earlier age than non-smokers.

**Vitamin depletion** -- smoking depletes vitamin C from the body causing smokers to need more per day than non-smokers.

**Surgical complications** -- smokers need longer recovery times after surgery to recover and feel normal. They also run the risk of post surgical complications, such as pneumonia, more so than non-smokers.

**Vision problems** -- smoking increases your risk of developing cataracts. Cataracts are the leading cause of blindness.

**Taste and smell** -- smoking dulls the taste buds and the sense of smell. After quitting smoking, food tastes and smells better.

**Back pain** -- cigarette smoking

quadruples the risk of developing a bad back since it interferes with the supply of oxygen to the disks.

**Accidents** -- smokers have more car accidents and traffic tickets than non-smokers, probably because reaching for cigarettes and lighters interferes with concentration. Also, cigarette smoking is a leading cause of home fires and accidental burns to children playing with lighters and matches.

**Illness** -- smokers have more respiratory illnesses and miss more days from work than non-smokers. They also run the risk of a whole group of diseases including heart disease, stroke, mouth and throat cancer, bladder cancer, lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, etc.

**Infant complications** -- smoking leads to miscarriage, low birth weight babies and stillbirths. Babies of smoking mothers suffer from more frequent respiratory problems, ear infections and even run a greater risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Kalamazoo, Crawford and Muskegon counties. If you have any questions you would like answered in this column, please send them to: Linda

DeMarchis, M.A., or Carleen Hubbell, M.A., Health Educators, District Health Dept. No. 1, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.



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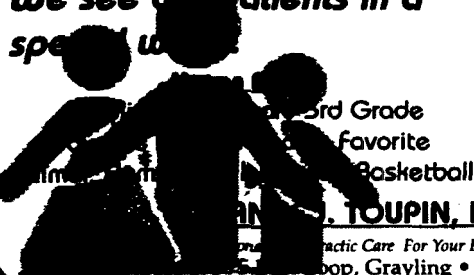
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Parish and Connie Geers of Roscommon announce the arrival of Payton Joy Geers born Feb. 15, 1998.

Stevie and Melanie Stacy of Harrison announce the arrival of Sky Lynn Stacy born Feb. 16, 1998.

Tony and Jaime Simon, Jr. of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Kayla Michelle Simon born Feb. 18, 1998.

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Gabriel Lindsay and April Henfling of Houghton Lake announce the arrival of Drew Taylor Lindsay born Feb. 18, 1998.

Brad Schafer and Karmyn Valentine of Mt. Pleasant and Grayling announce the arrival of Emily Schafer born Feb. 23, 1998.

Henry Smith and Billie Jo Cruce of Mio announce the arrival of Courtney Joann Smith born Feb. 24, 1998.

Tomas and Marie Galvani of Grayling announce the arrival of Rosalynn Maria Louise Galvani born Feb. 26, 1998.

William and Darla Vonderheid of Grayling announce the arrival of Andrea Morgan Vonderheid born Feb. 26, 1998.

Randy and Melissa Allison of Grayling announce the arrival of Montana Marie Allison born Feb. 26, 1998.

## Michigan Guard honored

The environmental section of the Michigan National Guard received the National Guard Bureau (NGB) Environmental Stewardship Award this past month during the Annual NGB National Environmental Workshop held on Feb. 25 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Last year Camp Grayling won a similar honor. It received the NGB Eagle Award, which is given for outstanding environmental quality at a sizeable, non-industrial installation.

The Environmental Stewardship Award is presented yearly to the state or territory with the best environmental program. Michigan is the first state to receive this National Guard award.

"This award is special because Michigan was selected based on our proven performance rather than on a submitted nomination," said Lieutenant Colonel Tibor Lanczy, chief of construction and facilities.

Criteria considered by the NGB in giving the award include compliance with environmental laws, good stewardship of natural resources and fulfillment of NGB administrative requirements.

"We wouldn't be where we're at if it wasn't for teamwork. There are many elements that must come together to be successful," commented Greg Huntington, the state environmental manager.

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during the period of March 11 through March 17, 1998.

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road).

Small Arms Range 12 located West of Lake Margrethe, north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline and south of Portage Creek. Firing will commence on 7 March and will cease on 8 March 1998.

For further information, call (517) 348-3603 or 1-800-628-5820.

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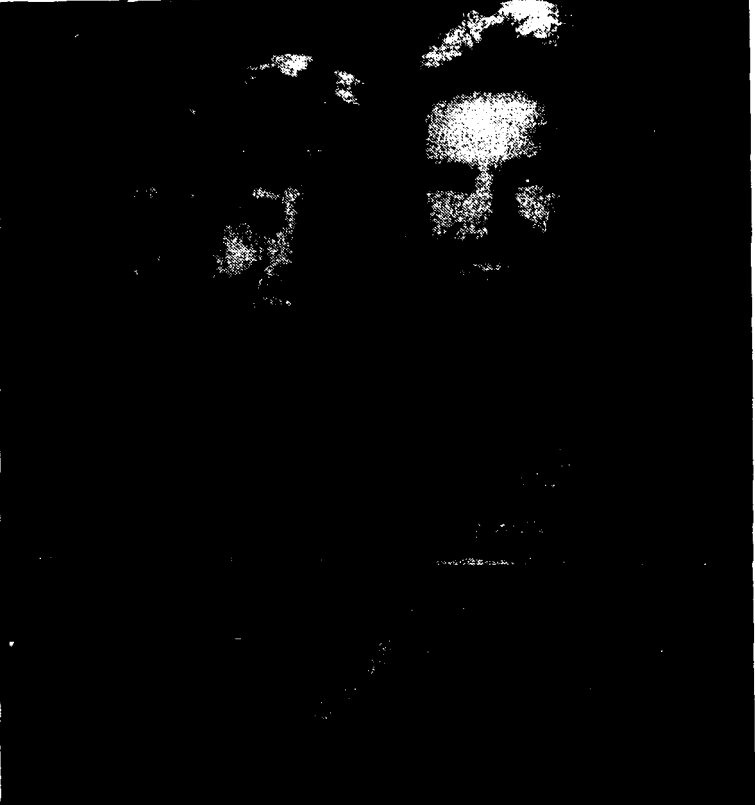
## MILITARY NEWS

Victoria Jensen, daughter of Cynthia and Kenneth Jensen of Grayling, has enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program.

Airman Jensen, a 1998 graduate of Grayling High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on August 12, 1998.

Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course near San Antonio, Texas she is scheduled to receive technical training as an Electronic Power Production Apprentice.

Airman Jensen will be earning credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training school.



**APRIL WEDDING** -- Sheri Nadeau and Randy West will be married on April 4, 1998 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling.



**VOWS EXCHANGED** -- Barbara Henderson of Grayling proudly announces the marriage of her daughter, Jan Henderson to Tim Hart, son of William P. and Patricia Gale Hart, formerly of Grayling, now residing in Saginaw. The wedding took place at Tim and Jan's house on the AuSable River on Thursday, Feb. 26, 1998, with Pastor Robert Barnett officiating.

## Study on women's body fat underlines need for exercise

**By Julie Schoen, Exercise Specialist, Mercy Cardiac Rehab**

Michigan State University has concluded a study on exercise and women and its effects on reducing body fat. The group of women in the study were secretaries from the university ages 40-60+ who did not participate in any regular physical activity.

The goal of the study was to determine the effects of exercise on women with sedentary lifestyles. Their body fat was measured at the beginning of the study, at six weeks, and again at 12 weeks. Half of the women were put on low fat diets and exercise. The remaining half was placed on a diet only; they did not exercise.

At the end of six weeks, the women's body fat was measured and there was no significant loss in the percent of body fat for either group. At the end of the 12 weeks they were measured again. A significant loss in body fat was noted in the group that exercised three times per week for one hour aerobically.

Researchers found that the women's bodies at six weeks had not yet become efficient in burning fat. Yet they noticed the large loss in body fat in the last six weeks when their bodies had become more efficient, or trained, at using fat as a fuel source for physical activity.

These results seem to indicate that an exercise program must be well established (greater than six weeks in duration) for the body to show significant decreases in body fat in most women. The trend, unfortunately for most of us, is to stop exercising after three to four weeks when we don't see a vast improvement in our weight and physique.

We must exercise at least 20 minutes a day three to five days per week for a minimum of 12 weeks to get the results we want. This is especially true for females because women's bodies are more efficient at storing fat than men's bodies. This doesn't mean we should stop exercising after 12 weeks we should continue to make exercise a daily ritual. The Surgeon General states that we should exercise five times per week for 30 minutes to maintain our health and well-being.

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# Local donations delivered to reservation

by Shirley D. Schmoock  
Special Writer

Remember the Underwear Tree put up by the St. Francis Episcopal Church of Grayling to help the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota?

The success of the venture surpassed anyone's wildest dreams. Donations of clothing, books and toys poured into the St. Francis Thrift Shop on M-72 West.

The plan for delivering the donations to the reservation was initially quite simple: Rent a U-Haul with two drivers for the bulk of the donations and take one automobile with two more drivers for the rest.

It didn't work that way, of course. Murphy's Law took command of the altruistic enterprise and ruled the trip.

The outpouring of donations from the Grayling and Mio area was so generous, that Father Rob Henley, the director of St. Francis in Grayling and St. Bartholomew in Mio, found it necessary to enlarge the caravan in order to transport all the goods.

As the bundles and boxes of donated items intended for the Indian reservation spilled out into the hallway at St. Bartholomew it was obvious that they would never fit into a single truck.

In all, 15 other churches from Gaylord to Indian River and Midland to Alma decided to participate in bringing donations for the reservation.

As a result, another U-Haul truck was acquired and it too was loaded to the hilt with bags and bundles. The loading was done on Wednesday, Feb. 4 and the trip west began the following morning. It would take the better part of two weeks to complete the trip to the Rosebud Indian Reservation and back.

"The landscape changed gradually," said Father Henley, "but we could not have asked for better weather. But," he cringed before continuing, "the

trucks were loaded so tightly that we felt every bump in the road -- all the way to Mission, South Dakota."

The group arrived to find that it was Founder's Day for the Lakota-Sioux. The Rosebud Indian Reservation, which represents 20 separate communities, invited the traveling churchmen and women to join in the festivities. Road-weary and tired, they all decided to attend.

"We attended a real powwow," said Henley, "and there were hundreds of people in their meeting hall. We were practically honored guests, and what fascinated me were those called Fancy Dancers -- they were like whirling dervishes. They were all competing with each other. Some groups would dance, some would drum, and others would sing."

"They were also dressed in full Indian regalia," said Kay Feaster of St. Bartholomew of Mio and a member of the caravan. "The people we met were friendly, handsome, and they were healthy-looking; they also seemed very happy. We saw teenagers helping the elderly and we saw them offering their arms to older women."

"The people were almost soft," observed Father Henley. "They were so polite and full of appreciation. We arrived at a time when the reservation was preparing to end a mourning period of a young family who'd been killed in a drive-by shooting. The entire family had been wearing black for the past year, and during the celebration, they were given bright blankets and shawls by tribal leaders to replace their black clothing. A death to an Indian is a very traumatic occasion."

"The elders of the tribe then passed around ground corn mixed with sugar and raisins to symbolize the family being reborn into tribal activities," Henley explained.

The powwow continued for two



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOUND** -- These members of the donation-loaded caravan made the trip to the Rosebud Indian Reservation and delivered the items to the Lakota-Sioux. (back row, left to right) Gary Feaster and Bob Carter of Mio. (middle row, left to right) Mona Carter, Lil Green, Sally Seeley, Dick Seeley and Kay Feaster, all of Mio, and Floyd Guernsey of Grayling. (front row) Father Rob Henley of Grayling, pastor at St. Francis of Grayling and St. Bartholomew of Mio. John Cammin of Grayling is missing from the photo.

days. After that the trucks were unloaded. The first load was delivered to the Bishop Hare Center in Mission, which serves the Rosebud Reservation as a community center. The other was taken to Martin and the donations delivered to the Social Services Center on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Pine Ridge is the home of the Oglala Sioux, the more economically disadvantaged of the two reservations, according to Father Henley.

"Every town and community had a Head Start program and seemed to be

promoting education and providing social services. Their main push is drug and alcohol prevention -- we saw signs everywhere," said Feaster.

"We unloaded everything fire-brigade style," said Henley. "and all we talked about on the way home was doing it all over again. They still need children's shoes and so much more. I was sincerely touched by how most people took only a very little, so there'd be enough to go around for their neighbors."

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**Barbara E. Henderson**  
Barbara E. Henderson, 68, of Grayling, passed away March 9, 1998, at her residence.  
She was born in Detroit to Frederick and Edna (Jensen) Arnold on July 15, 1929.  
Ms. Henderson moved to Grayling 15 years ago from Rochester. She was a homemaker and helped at "Jan's Closet", Grayling. For 15 years prior to moving to Grayling she vacationed at their cabin on Theadara Road.  
She is survived by her two sons: William Henderson of Rochester, and Ross Henderson of Royal Oak; two daughters: Gail Henderson of Hazel Park, and Janet and Tim Hart of Grayling; two brothers: Frederick Arnold of Alpena, and Maurice Arnold of Midland, and three grandchildren.  
Funeral services will be March 12, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling with Rev. Scott Arnold officiating. Burial will be at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, Mich.

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**Lonnie R. Crowell**  
Lonnie R. Crowell, 59, of Grayling, passed away March 5, 1998, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.  
He was born in St. John's, Mich., to Myron and Irene (Knight) Crowell on March 9, 1938.  
Mr. Crowell lived in Grayling for 29 years, moving here from St. John's. He was a retired Master Plumber, Lon's Pump and Plumbing Repair.  
He is survived by one son: Lee Crowell of St. Johns, Mich.; three daughters: Elaine (Reed) Larkins of Kaufman, Texas; Dawn Crowell of Grayling; Renee (Jon) Thomas of St. Johns, Mich.; mother, Irene Crowell of Elsie, Mich.; brother, Dale Crowell of Elsie, Mich.; two sisters: Doris Valentine of Bannister, Mich., and Sharon Ganton of Jackson, Mich.; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.  
He was preceded in death by his father, Myron Crowell; brother, Billie Crowell; sister, Janet Pope and granddaughter, Jennifer Larkins.  
Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., March 8, 1998, at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling with Mrs. Doris Bannister officiating. Burial in Beaver Creek Township Cemetery, Crawford County.  
The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society of Crawford County.

**Sal Truettner Hubel**  
Sal Truettner Hubel, 94, of Grayling, passed away March 5, 1998 at the Meadows of Grayling.  
She was born in Clare, Mich., to James R. And Annie E. (Sanford) Rodgers on April 12, 1903.  
Mrs. Truettner-Hubel, longtime resident of Grayling, was involved in many different occupations and vocations during her lifetime. She worked with the Couzens Fund, owned and operated the Shirlee Shoppe and later the Pink Lady, both of which were ladies clothing stores in Grayling. Mrs. Truettner-Hubel was very involved in the community. She served as president of the Northeast District of Women's Clubs; served on the Crawford County Board and was the first woman commissioner for the county; was a former member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and was the only woman on the board. Mrs. Truettner-Hubel also served on the Crawford County Health Commission, hosted enlisted men's and officer's luncheons for the various National Guard encampments in Grayling, and was chairperson of the Grayling Centennial celebration in 1972 and involved in the Grayling Winter Sports Carnival, the Miss Grayling Pageant and the Crawford County Historical Society.  
She married Walter Truettner in 1952 and he preceded her in death in 1967. In 1980 she married H. E. Hubel and moved to Clare where she lived until Mr. Hubel's death in 1993, when she moved back to Grayling. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Jane Ann Patchak; sister, Myrle Milnes and parents, James and Annie

(Sanford) Rodgers.  
She is survived by her granddaughter, April Redbird and husband Gregory Jaekel of Silver City, N.M.; great-granddaughter, Jasmin LeLani Jaekel of Silver City, N.M.; niece, Jane and Dr. William Rosin of Portales, N.M.; and nephew, Roy and JoAnn Milnes of Roscommon.  
Memorial Service will be at 2 p.m. on April 6, at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.  
The family suggests memorials be directed to Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.

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# Iditarod 'musher' visits Grayling Elementary

by Shirley D. Schmoock  
Special Writer

It really was love at first sight for students of Laurie Canfield's 3rd grade class and Satchel — the Iditarod 'musher'.

"They aren't trained to go to people like this," said Ron Seifert with a mixture of dismay and amazement.

Seifert owns Satchel, the Alaskan husky, who was anxiously paying a very wet visit upon the faces of some adoring children at Grayling Elementary school last week.

"Satchel's never seen this many people in his life," Seifert said as he explained the shyness of the sled dogs and the need for that shyness.

"If they ran off to play with people, we'd have chaos during the races."

But, Satchel didn't seem to share Seifert's concerns, and was most docile when he was pawed, and petted, and picked up bodily to show off his webbed feet and course pads.

"These webs keep the dog from sinking into the snow like snowshoes," said Seifert, "and they get these pads from running on the ice."

The students had been studying the Iditarod race, which is a once-a-year endurance run from Anchorage, Alaska to Nome.

"Each student has selected their own 'musher' for the race," said Ms. Canfield. "They'll follow each step on their maps to summarize what's happening."

Team-teacher Deanna Johnston said "This was all Laurie's idea, and the participation of the students has been excellent."

Seifert explained to the class how the dogs were trucked to the starting point and then led inland for the race.

There is a maximum of 16 dogs per sled, and when one is injured, they're put in a bag and carried to the next stop.

Seifert also showed the students how the dogs were tethered to the sled, and answered a lot of questions like...

"What if the strings or ropes break?" This one by Nick Williams.

"Bye-bye dogs," said Seifert.

"But," he added, "that is not usually how it works. The dogs are trained to run in a specific position and they stay with the pack whether they're tied in or not. They'll just run along and turn with the others."

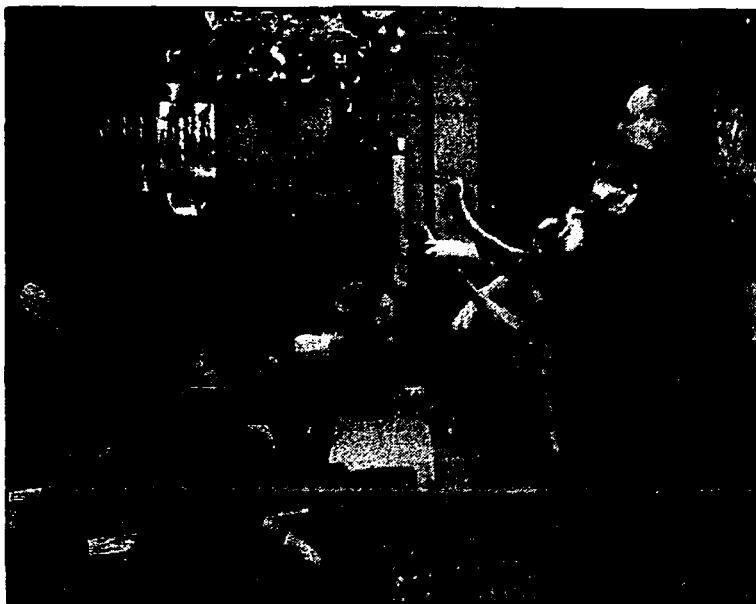
The Iditarod dogs are not a single breed, and they are usually crossed with other dogs to obtain different traits.

The 'Indian dogs', Seifert explained, come from the interior of Alaska, and some are bred for speed. How they're built determines how fast they are. Some are sprinters, like those crossed with greyhounds, while others have dense coats and are mixed with shorter breeds for cold weather, distance racing.

"Dogs may train for 5,000 miles from August to September before they race," he said, before showing the students the tape of an actual race.

And what did Bryan Cornell like best about the presentation?

"I like dogs and Satchel is a cool name for a dog. I'm also interested in how his feet are formed and how nice he is."



IT'S A SLED DOG'S LIFE -- Satchel, the Iditarod sled dog, shows off his webbed feet, that allow him to run in deep snow and on ice, to Laurie Canfield's third grade class. The dog's owner, Ron Seifert, is shown holding Satchel. Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

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## Libraries receive Medal of Honor Recipients books

by Shirley D. Schmoock  
Special Writer

John M. Keir, Commander of the Grayling American Legion Post 106, and Arthur R. Thayer, Chaplain of the Grayling Post, presented a copy of the U. S. of America's Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients to the Crawford County Library on March 2.

The pair also presented copies of the book to the Frederic Library, the Lovells Library, and the Crawford AuSable High School Library in Grayling.

Thayer's association with the Fleet Reserve, an organization comprised of active, reserve, and retired Naval, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel, was responsible for obtaining the books for the local libraries. The group donated the books in honor of their comrades.

The 1997 printing of the Medal of Honor listing is a compilation done by Highland House II, publishers, of Columbia Heights, MN. The purpose of the listing is to "preserve and make accessible to the public the basic material for research in the history of the Army Medal of Honor." The work was edited by R. J. Proft.

There was no organized written history of these awards until 1946, when a search began for documents and materials with which to begin such an arduous task.

Fortunately, due to the military's penchant for generating voluminous records of its various campaigns, the source documents for the work were found safely boxed in the War Department of the National Archives. The first printing of the

list did not occur until 1980.

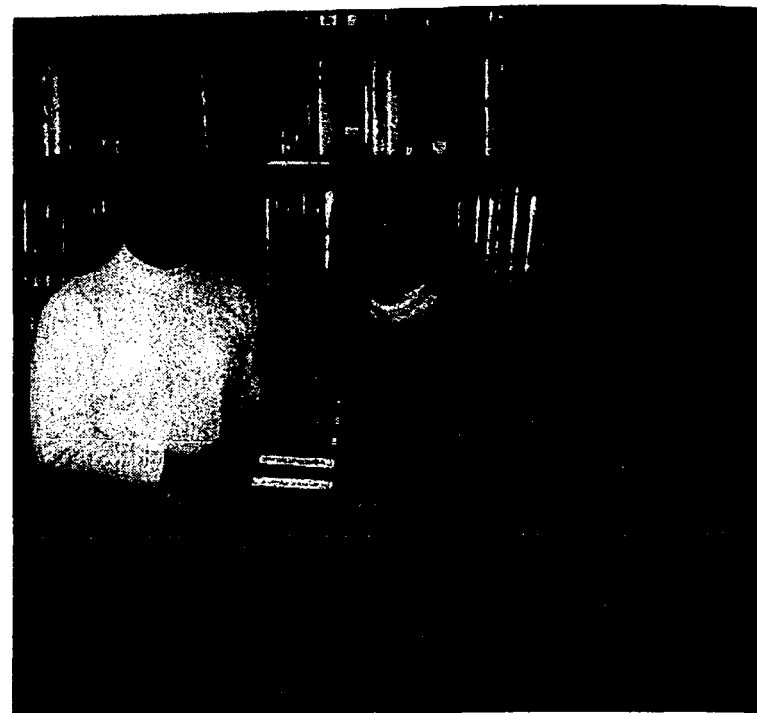
There were 1,196 Army, 307 Navy, and 17 Marine Corps medals issued during and after the Civil War (1861-1865), by far the most numerous number of medals awarded at any given time in the history of the United States.

In total, they are 2368 Army (the Air Force was part of the Army Air Corp from 1907 to 1947), 746 Navy, 294 Marine Corps, 16 Air Force, and Coast Guard, 1.

To give further significance to the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, there is a 52-acre natural grove at Freedom's Foundation, Valley Forge, PA, where trees have been planted and named in honor of those awarded the medal.

Each state has its own allocation of trees, and the area includes a hillside theater for concerts, a chapel and Patriot's Walk — an avenue where the medals are displayed.

The Congressional Medal of Honor is awarded to those military personnel "who have exhibited the greatest courage in the protection of man's highest aspiration — freedom."



**SPECIAL BOOK PRESENTED** -- Crawford County Librarian, Traci Compton (center), accepts the gift of the *Medal of Honor Recipients* book from VFW Post Commander John Keir, (left) and VFW Post Chaplain Arthur Thayer, (right). Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

## Mackinac Bridge tolls insufficient for covering major bridge repair costs

by David Fleet  
Capital News Service

LANSING — "Big Mac" tolls are not adding up.

According to Mackinac Bridge authorities, current tolls may not sufficiently fund extensive deck replacement needed over the next 15 years for the famous 40-year-old structure.

"We can do daily maintenance with current tolls. However, age and heavy truck traffic will eventually necessitate major deck reconstruction," said Hank Lotoszinski, administrator of the Mackinac Bridge. "There's no doubt extra money will have to come from somewhere."

State officials are uncertain if a toll increase or other revenue sources will be used.

The original \$3.75 toll was cut to \$1.50 for cars in 1969, thanks to \$3.5 million per year for the state to assist in bridge maintenance. Since then, only truck tolls have increased, from

\$1 to \$2 per axle.

"It's my understanding that there's sufficient revenues generated from present tolls beyond what's going into daily maintenance," said Rep. David Anthony, D-Escanaba. "They'd be hard pressed to get money from the Legislature or approval of a toll increase. I'd certainly not approve it."

During 1997, a record 4,626,190 vehicles crossed the 5-mile span linking the Upper and Lower peninsulas.

"We will treat the Mackinac Bridge as part of I-75," said Gary Naeyaert, Michigan Department of Transportation communications director. "If that part of the highway needs fixing, we'd probably issue a bond to do the work. Either way, it would get done."

The Mackinac Bridge remains the only section of the highway system entirely in Michigan that charges a toll.

"People must realize that major reconstruction is inevitable and it's

not cheap," said Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling. "We'll find the money. It's vital to our state."

Major improvements on the Mackinac Bridge scheduled for 1998 will:

- Replace a 30-foot section of steel grating on the inside lanes, beginning in April.

- Replace the expansion joint under the north tower, during September and October.

- Continue painting and sand blasting of railings and under-structure. The bridge will be reduced to one lane in each direction during construction.

Construction of the bridge was completed in 1957, at a cost of \$100 million, to form the world's largest suspension bridge.

"The bridge is vital to Michigan," said Anthony. "If the economy of the state is to be maintained, we cannot put hindrances on transportation, especially the Mackinac Bridge."

## Many will participate in planned statewide forest and public land clean-up May 8 - 17

Michigan has an abundance of forest land that is enjoyed by hikers, bird watchers and hunters.

According to the Michigan Community Service Commission,

(MCSC) every year tons of trash is illegally dumped in Michigan's forests. State forest lands are sagging under the weight of this trash.

In an effort to help remove the illegal trash, the MCSC is joining forces with the Michigan Coalition for Clean Forests, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs Resources (MUCC) and others to launch a massive statewide forest clean-up initiative May 8 - 17.

This clean-up is part of the popular, ongoing Adopt A Forest (AAF) program. The goal of the statewide forest clean-up project is to reinforce awareness of the problem of illegal dumping while uniting volunteers in an effort to clean the public lands.

MCSC has established three overnight sites where approximately 500 of Michigan's AmeriCorps members will spend two days engaged in training and forest clean-up work.

The overnight sites will be based out of Kettunen Center in Tustin, Camp Ocqueoc in Ocqueoc and Camp Chittenden in Wellston.

In addition to the overnight sites, MCSC is working with current (AAF) adopters, United States Forest managers, Michigan State Park managers, and others from across the state, to organize one-day clean-up projects in conjunction with the statewide clean-up effort.

The hope is that these one-day projects will unite current local volunteers with new volunteers (from schools, higher education institutions, national service programs, Volunteer Centers, etc.) in a partnership to clean the local sites.

"The forest clean-up project offers Michigan residents a wonderful volunteer opportunity to beautify one of our state's most priceless resources — our forests and public

land," said Michigan's First Lady Michelle Engler. "By doing so we create a better environment for ourselves and our children for today and tomorrow."

The goals of the Adopt A Forest program are to enhance enjoyment of public forest land by eliminating illegal dumping and to increase awareness of recycling opportunities for waste materials found.

In addition to the tons of trash, deer blinds left on public lands after hunting seasons are over, have become a huge problem in recent years.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently monitoring removal efforts, but may opt to prohibit seasonal deer blinds on state forest land, if the problem cannot be brought under control in a reasonable amount of time.

MUCC, along with the U.P. Whitetails Association, and the U.P. Sportsmen's Alliance, signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the DNR to organize and implement collaborative clean-up efforts to remove unauthorized blinds and associated trash from public lands throughout the state.

The MCSC is chaired by Michelle Engler. Its mission is to enable all citizens to engage in public problem solving through service and volunteerism.

MCSC supports and administers national and community service programs across Michigan, including Michigan's AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve Michigan, and Michigan CARES.

MCSC also sponsors the annual Governor's Service Awards program and co-sponsors Make A Difference Day in Michigan, the annual volunteerism super conference, follow-up to the Presidents' Summit.

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## Rite Aid countdown to 'Grand Opening' begins

by Shirley Schmoock  
Special Writer

Employees for the Rite Aid store in Grayling are counting the days when their new building will be ready and open for business.

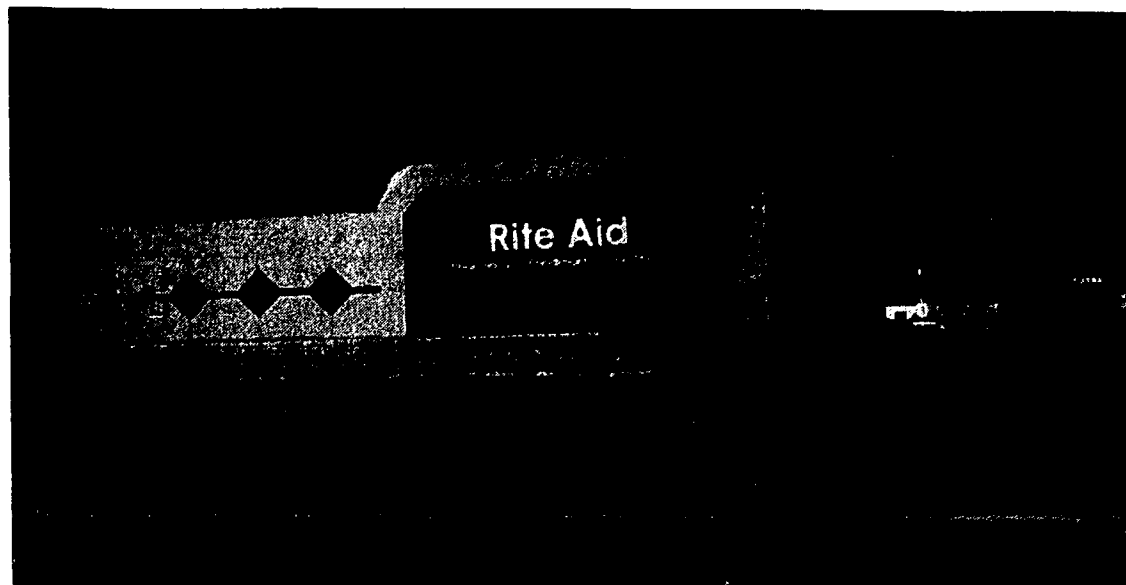
Vicki Hoornstra, Assistant Manager, said, "We plan to open and in the new store by April 12. Our Grand Opening is scheduled for May 3.

The new 11,600 square foot store, located at the intersection of the I-75 Business Loop and M-72 East in Grayling, has now been turned over to the Rite Aid Corporation so the chain can equip and furnish the building to suit its operation.

The Rite Aid Corporation, headquartered in Harrisburg, PA, has been experiencing phenomenal growth over the past years.

The company purchased the Thrifty Payless chain in 1997, and they are currently in the process of buying Hardco Drugs and K and B Drugs. Both of these companies are southern drug chains.

The new store in Grayling will fea-



**CLOSE TO COMPLETION** -- The new Rite Aid store is set to open April 12 and hold its Grand Opening on May 3.

Photo by Shirley Schmoock.

ture a drive-through pharmacy, and according to Ms. Hoornstra, "It will be bright and very well lit. Much of the landscaping has already been

done, and we're all anxious to get into operation."

Due to the mild winter, Rockford Construction, general contractor for the Rite Aid Corporation, has met

the target date on the Grayling store.

The same contractor finished the Gaylord store ahead of schedule, opening in mid-February.

## McClain Construction merges with two other entities

by Caleb Casey  
Staff Writer

Scott McClain, owner of the Grayling-based business McClain Construction, has involved his company in a merger with the companies of Larry Tollstam of Gaylord and Jeff Kowatch to form McClain-Kowatch Construction.

The merger took place on July 1, 1997. According to Kowatch, the reason for the partnership is to respond to the increasing demand for building in the Grayling area.

The three leaders of McClain-Kowatch agree that Grayling has ample opportunity to grow, and the merger will help them to meet the current and future needs of their clients.

A couple advantages of the partnership are the addition of a warranty program and computer-aided building design capabilities.

Kowatch also mentioned that the level of professionalism will be elevated and the company will now be able to handle high-end homes more effectively. In addition, McClain-Kowatch will now have the management control to keep a handle on all costs and expenditures.

Scott McClain, president of McClain-Kowatch Construction, was born and raised in Grayling. He has owned his own construction business for 16 years, and in that time has built about 75 homes.

His business will continue to dedicate itself to the Grayling and Higgins Lake area despite the merger, said McClain.

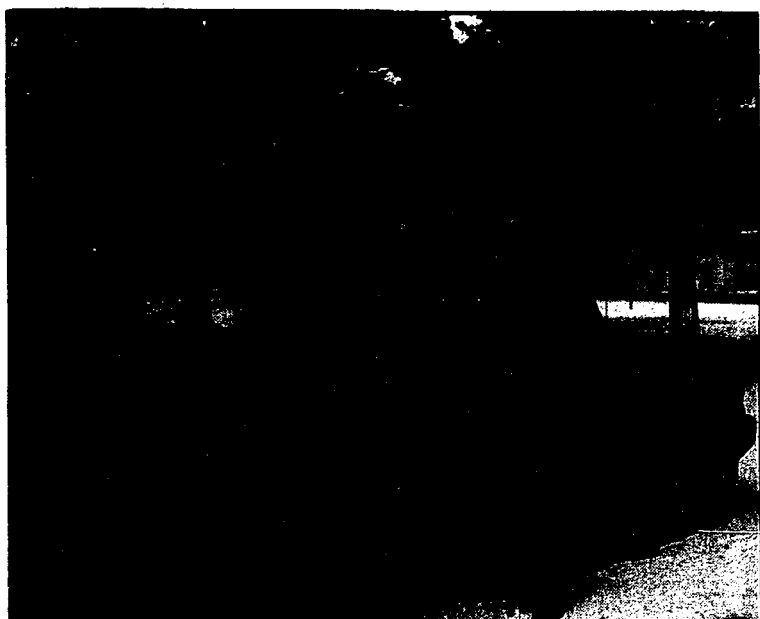
McClain, in a joint venture with Jason Welser, has acquired 80 acres of wooded lots near Hartwick Pines to be the site for a building project called Hartwick's Hidden Ridge: A Log Community. There will be model homes to view with regards to the development of this land.

McClain-Kowatch is currently putting up a 1,400-square foot log home to be used as a model for an extended period of time. The home's purpose is to allow clients to see the quality of the company's workmanship.

Scott will be at the Gaylord home show on March 21 and 22 to discuss home information and building projects.

He can also be contacted at his Grayling office at 348-2793, his toll-free number 1-888-867-7730 or the Gaylord number 517-731-5371.

McClain also mentioned that people should look for information in the near future regarding Pierson-Gibbs homes, and that "many advantages would be explained."



**LOCAL CONSTRUCTION MERGER** -- Scott McClain, pictured here with his dog Cole, is the president of the recently formed McClain-Kowatch Construction. McClain has operated his Grayling-based construction business for 16 years.

## Custom cabinetmaker joins Grayling area business boom

by Shirley D. Schmoock  
Special Writer

Custom cabinetmaker Dennis Karp, owner of Karp's Custom Kitchens moved into a Grayling showroom early in Nov. of 1997. This new showroom is located on M-72 just west of the city.

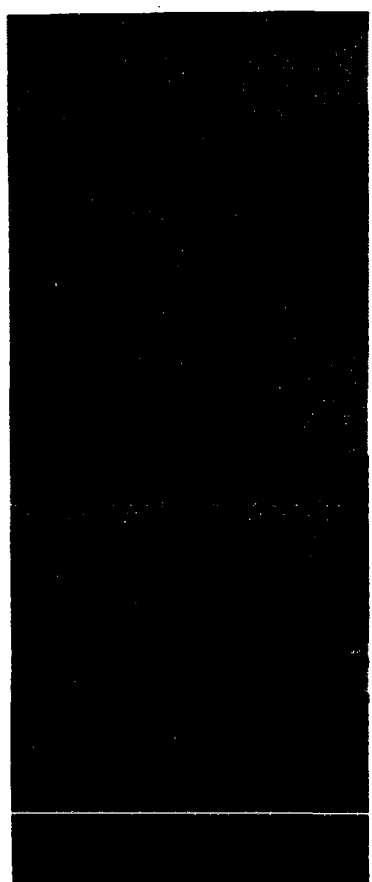
Karp has been in the cabinet business in Waters since 1976 and still maintains that enterprise.

"We thought Grayling was the place to be right now," Karp said when asked about the move. "Many of our good customers are in Houghton Lake, Higgins Lake, Mt. Pleasant and Harrison, so what better place to set up a showroom than in Grayling?"

Karp and his crew design and craft cabinets and countertops for builders. They also custom craft kitchen components for major lumber suppliers. "We do carry ready-mades too," he admitted, "but our primary thrust is in custom work, both for builders of new homes and for individuals."

Karp began his cabinet-making career in the Detroit area and has had the shop and showroom in Waters for 22 years. He has a son, Keith, who lives in Florida.

Work is his hobby, it seems, but "I'm looking for a good place to build a new home for my business."



**KARP'S CABINETS** -- Dennis Karp of Karp's Custom Kitchens recently moved into a Grayling showroom.



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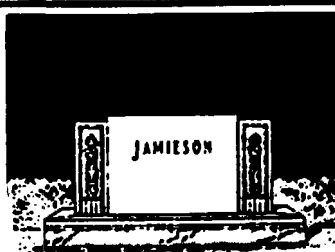
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## Top O'Michigan customers asked to contribute to new foundation through electric bill "round-up"

Contributions will begin coming in this spring to fund a new charitable organization recently started by Top O'Michigan Electric Company to help many local residents in need.

The Top O'Michigan Foundation is a new, wholly-owned, non-profit subsidiary of Top O'Michigan Electric Co., that is expected to collect over \$150,000 a year toward supporting "charitable, educational or scientific purposes" within Crawford, Otsego and surrounding counties served by Top O'Michigan Electric Co.

Donations will come from Top O'Michigan customers whose monthly bills will automatically be rounded up to the next dollar.

For example, a \$65.51 bill will be rounded up to \$66, with the additional 49 cents going to the foundation.

The average cost to each customer will be 50 cents each month, or about \$6 per year.

The billing round-up will begin this spring.

"The directors and I are proud to be a part of a new service that will benefit thousands of local residents

in the years to come for just a few cents a month," says Ed Doss, Top O'Michigan President and CEO.

The foundation is governed by an independent board of directors who were recently selected by the Top O'Michigan Electric Company Board of Directors, based on their community involvement and interest.

The independent board members are Terry Distel of Gaylord, Toby Darden of Waters, Carol Way Hefner of Rapid City, Tom Walenta of Petoskey, and Mike Stowe of Boyne City.

The round-up plan is modeled after the successful Operation Round-Up program started in South Carolina in 1989 by the Palmetto Electric Cooperative.

Electric cooperatives across the country and at least three others in Michigan have similar programs, including Portland, MI-based Tri-County Electric Cooperative that has distributed nearly \$500,000 to fire, ambulance, library, food pantry, housing and medical emergencies, and other local charities in the last five years.

The foundation board will announce later this year when it will begin taking applications for funding.

The foundation was created by Top O'Michigan Electric Co. directors after a survey last year revealed that 76 percent of the customers believe Top O'Michigan "should contribute service and/or money to local community efforts."

Directors also looked at the success other electric cooperatives across the country have had with similar programs over the years.

Their success was due in large part to automatically enrolling all their

customers in the billing round-up at the beginning, with the understanding that any customer could easily opt out at any time.

The participating cooperatives found that 70-80 percent of their customers chose to participate in the program.

According to Top O'Michigan's Communications Director, Dave Guznick, customers can look forward to additional information in the next issue of *Country Lines* magazine.

Included in that issue will be a card for customers fill out if they decide not to participate in the program.

## Safety cited as benefit of recreational licensing

by Amber LaCrotz  
Capital News Service

For Marcie and Jack Ferris, peace of mind outweighs economic and recreational benefits.

The Ferrises recently discontinued Jet-Ski rentals at their Glen Arbor business, On the Narrows Marina.

The loss will hurt their business, but improve area relations, they believe.

"It's a headache," Jack Ferris said. Problems such as accidents and noise are, "automatically blamed on our Jet Skis even though we only have four out of how many on the lake?"

Marcie Ferris said it's not the 16- to 18-year-olds who cause the problems, but older operators. "For some reason, they get on these machines and act like idiots."

The Ferris' decision to end Jet-Ski rentals preceded action on proposed personal watercraft legislation, but is on target with tight monitoring of recreational vehicles, such as snowmobiles, Jet Skis and all-terrain vehicles.

Rep. Tom Alley, House Conservation, Environment and Recreation Committee chair, is drafting legislation to regulate recreational vehicles. The West Branch Democrat predicted snowmobile and personal watercraft legislation will pass this year.

"There has been a large public input into our office about this," said Alley. His proposals include licensing drivers and mandatory training.

The licensing discussion stems from the high number of recreational vehicle accidents, many alcohol-related. More than 50 percent of this winter's 19 fatal snowmobile accidents were alcohol-related and involved people 27 to 35, according to the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Leelanau County Sheriff Mike Oltersdorf, reported only one snowmobile death in recent years that didn't involve adults or alcohol. He said no public trails exist in the county, resulting in minimal snowmobile traffic.

Sgt. Dave Loree, of the Ottawa County Sheriff Department, said the small number of public trails reduced snowmobile traffic and accidents, too. "I better knock on wood before something happens," Loree said.

While neither county reported many snowmobile incidents, both see personal watercraft as problem areas. Leelanau County issued 29 tickets, 287 warnings and 37 complaints in 1997.

Charles Stander, owner of an 86-year-old family snowmobile and boat dealership in Leeland, opposes licensing drivers of recreational vehicles. He said licenses won't stop reckless behavior and would only increase revenue for the state.

"I think it's going to be a problem," Stander, of Stander Marine Inc., said of Alley's proposal. "The state gets money, but they're not enforcing anything."

"Additional laws without adequate enforcement are probably not going to be an effective deterrent," said DNR Lt. Suzanne Koppelo. "There's a need right now for more enforcement."

Alley and Rep. Jessie R. Dalman, R-Holland, insist safety is the issue. "If they can go 50 to 60 miles per hour, they should be certified or have training that says they know how to handle that vehicle," Dalman said.

Dalman said that the secretary of state's office isn't interested in handling additional licensing procedures. Other roadblocks include lobbyists and manufacturers, said Alley and Loree.

Out-of-state tourists need to be considered, too, said Rep. Patricia Birholz, R-Saugatuck. She said Michigan and other states should coordinate to standardize recreational vehicle legislation.

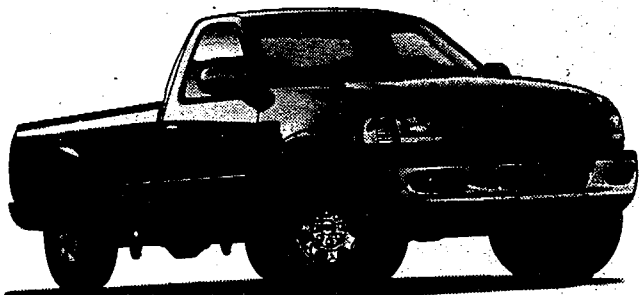
Oltersdorf, the Leelanau sheriff, said the bottom line is mentality, or what he termed "recreational mode." "You just can't legislate common sense."

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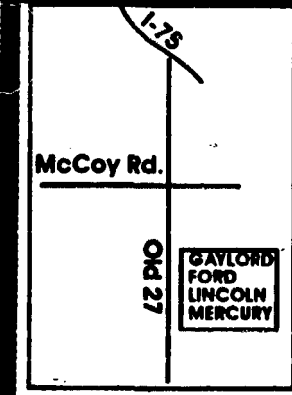
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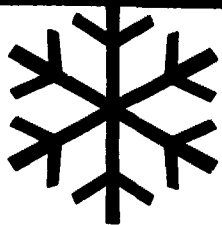
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## Beloved Dr. Henig remembered

# Friends and family recall heartwarming moments

by Cheryl A. Ruley  
Staff Writer

Not many people get to spend their lives working in a profession they truly love.

And not many people are so beloved because of their dedication to their livelihood.

Dr. Benjamin Elmore Henig was the exception to the rule.

"I have never met a doctor more dedicated than he was," commented his wife Jeanette, who had been his mate for over 53 years when he died on Feb. 8 of this year.

For over 34, Dr. Henig served the Grayling community as a physician

member of the Crawford AuSable School Board, he was also an active member of the Kiwanis Club, Trout Unlimited Mason Chapter and the Grayling Country Club.

Grayling High School counselor Lynn Thompson said, "Dr. Henig was very important to this town. He was an old-fashioned, small town doctor.

"And, he was so civic-minded. How did he find time to sleep?"

Lynn remembers a time when her first child, Angela, was only six

months old. Lynn and her husband, Randy, were in town, visiting relatives for Christmas, when Angela became fussy and feverish.

Being a new mother, Lynn didn't know quite what to do, so Dr. Henig was called.

At 4 a.m. on Christmas Eve, Dr. Henig got out of his warm bed and met the Thompsons at Mercy Hospital to take a look at baby Angela.

Dr. Henig discovered that the baby had an ear infection, so he gave her a shot of penicillin and some pain reliever.

"We went home with a contented baby," said Lynn. "He really went out of his way to help people."

Mrs. Henig tells a story about how Beverly Harwood was accidentally shot on Thanksgiving Day, sometime back in the 1960's or 70's, and Dr. Henig treated her wounds.

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dent, Mrs. Harwood has either called or written Dr. Henig," she said. "And, when she writes, she always signs, 'Sincerely, The Turkey'."

The nurses who worked with Dr. Henig have nothing but high praises for him and his work.

Surgical nurse Roberta Hauxwell, RN, worked with the doctor for over 31 years and Katie Nave, LPN, worked with him for over 38 years.

The twosome remember that Dr. Henig was seldom late for surgery,

keeping them informed of the patient's progress and condition.

Dr. Henig was still making house calls as late as the 1970's. He only stopped the practice when surgery became his main focus and time constraints wouldn't allow him to attend births.

Long-time friend, Marian Joseph, remembers Dr. Henig working night and day.

"He was very dedicated and money was never the issue," said Marian.

Marian stated that she recalls Dr. Henig treating patients, without compensation, until they were able to pay him.

Bill Joseph, Marian's late husband, was a best friend and fishing buddy to Dr. Henig, or as they called him, "Mo".

"They would spend hours preparing for opening day of trout season," remarked Marian.

"One year I remember very well."

Marian explained that, after hours spent getting ready to cast their first lines, they put their canoe into the AuSable River, got in and immediately tipped the boat over.

"Bill and Mo spent the rest of the day sitting in front of the fireplace at the Mason Lodge," she said.

Dr. Henig and his wife spent some of their rare free time playing bridge with the Josephs and other friends.

The doctor was also an avid golfer and a member of the Tuesday Night

Men's League at the Grayling Country Club.

One of Dr. Henig's daughter's, Candace Monroe, fondly remembers skiing at the Grayling Winter Sports Park with her father and how, "Dad would take us kids down the AuSable, using his feet to keep our tubes connected so we wouldn't get separated."

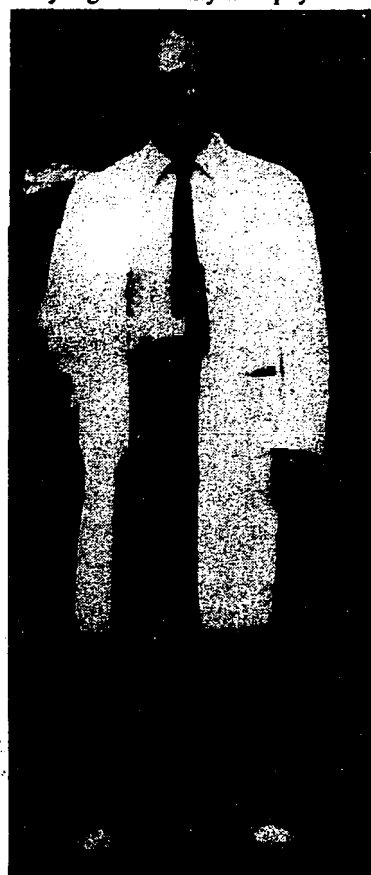
Candace said that, just this past summer, her father gave her a book of poetry by Ralph Waldo Emerson, that he loved, and she will always treasure.

There is no doubt that Dr. Benjamin Henig touched many lives with his kindness, gentleness and understanding.

Perhaps the secret to the doctor's fine character can be found in Emerson's philosophical poems and essays.

"Let us, if we must have great actions, make our own so.... Let us seek one peace by fidelity. Let me heed my duties."

An excerpt from an essay titled, *Spiritual Laws*, by Ralph Waldo Emerson.



**YOUNG DR. HENIG** -- The young doctor poses on the grounds behind the "new" Mercy Hospital building in September, 1948.

and a devoted citizen. Besides serving for 15 years as a



**A DOCTOR'S DUTIES** -- Here is Dr. Henig doing his rounds at Grayling Mercy Hospital in September, 1961.

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but when he was, he had some very unique excuses for his tardiness.

There was one instance when the power went out. Another time he had to chase a bat out of his house.

But, the best excuse the nurses ever heard was when Dr. Henig told them that his kitchen window blew open, tossing his breakfast onto the floor and he had to start all over.

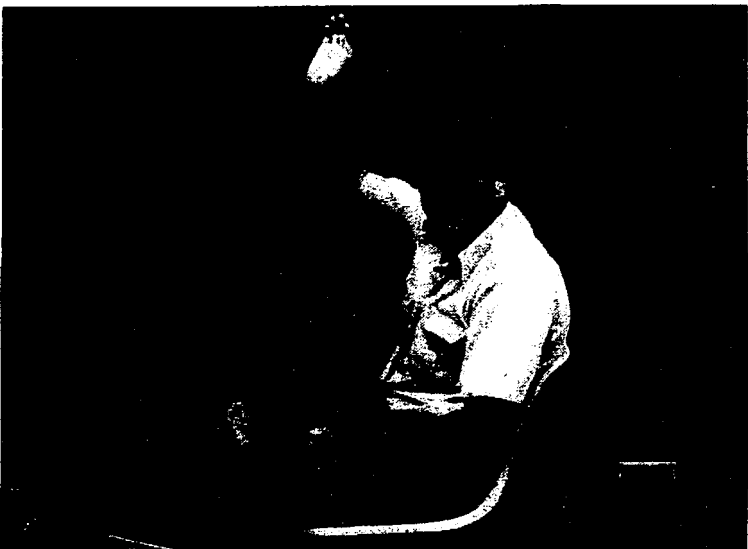
Nurse Hauxwell said, "He never used the same excuse twice."

"We had a lot of good laughs," said Nurse Nave of their working relationship.

Dr. Henig had received many offers to practice medicine elsewhere, including Providence Hospital.

"The community meant so much to him, he just couldn't leave," remarked Katie.

The nurses said that the doctor put himself in the family's position when a loved one was in surgery,



**FRIENDLY FISHERMAN** -- Dr. Henig loved to fish on the North Branch of the AuSable River. This photo was taken in 1990, showing the doctor still enjoyed the sport late into life.

## Fairy tale wedding in a storybook house

by Shirley D. Schmoock  
Special Writer

Clyde Cooper took a bride before witnesses at the former Nels Peter Olson 1894 home on Valentine's Day 1998. Rebecca Bachman, the bride, said "yes" as the pair stood in the midst of friends and family. Grayling's 'Newcomers Group' had certainly much to celebrate for bringing the couple together.

The Rev. Douglas Paterson officiated, and said "it was so beautiful and quaint. The bride, when she came down that staircase with the illumination all around her... My, it was a delightful wedding."

Nobody knows how many weddings and similar receptions may have taken place in the stately, many-gabled home on Peninsular in Grayling over the past century. The parquet floors must have stories and the many pot bellied stoves in the basement must have even more.

But of special and favorite memories, fortunately, we do have a few from the people who lived there.

Olson never skimped on a single detail of the manse when he built it, and the same Waldemar 'Painter' Jansen, who created the murals in the Shoppenagon Hotel and the Hanson House, laid his artistic brushes to the Olson's formal dining room.

A 'secret toy storage box' lies right inside the front door, but another family — the Hoffmans — utilized it for that purpose. Actually, the alcove is for waiting or removing boots and outerwear.

As the 100-Years book says, "not all Danes who came to Grayling were in the lumber business." But Nels Olson was into just about everything else. Though it's been reported that he did have some connection with the Hanson lumbering interests, he was prominently into banking and brewing in Saginaw, as well as real estate locally.

The couple had eight children (who survived into adulthood). These remained in the Grayling community to launch a variety of other now-familiar businesses in their own right. George

Stancil, great-grandson, names them as Alfred Olson (drugstore), Esbern Olson (shoe store), James Waldemar and his brother (Stancil's grandfather) George Olson, who partnered and began an extensive chain of theaters and entertainment houses, Ernest Olson (the barber), Lester Olson (a public servant who died young), Anna Olson Schotz (grocery) and Ruby Olson MacNeven (of Spike's Keg 'o Nails).

"My great-grandfather was dead by the time I was born," said Anemari Stancil, "but Grandmother Marie — I was named after her — was very much alive. We visited her often, but were expected to be very proper and quiet. Christmas was especially wonderful though, and the presents, the decorations, and the tree in the front room were so beautiful.

"The Danish people celebrated Christmas on Christmas Eve," she continued, and the memories of the "treats, roast goose and apple cake," come back easily when Ms. Stancil was asked to remember something of the grand home on Peninsular.

The home is Victorian in every way, its original radiators still func-

tioning. The home was sold to Dr. Ralph and Nancy Hoffman in 1961 after the death of Mrs. Olson, and they brought up five children there, maintaining the same elegant decor as the Olson's had found traditional and timeless. The bathrooms and kitchen have been modified to suit the times, but the period of the home remains quite solvent.

Currently, Beverly Shinosky, formerly of Plymouth has purchased and will soon take up permanent residence in the home. Her business skills and passion to retain and renovate the home go together to form a good alliance, as the age is beginning to show around the edges.

The stained glass windows need some care as do the many porches, but when the 'roof was raised' to repair chimneys and replace the aging trusses, new life was given to the structure.

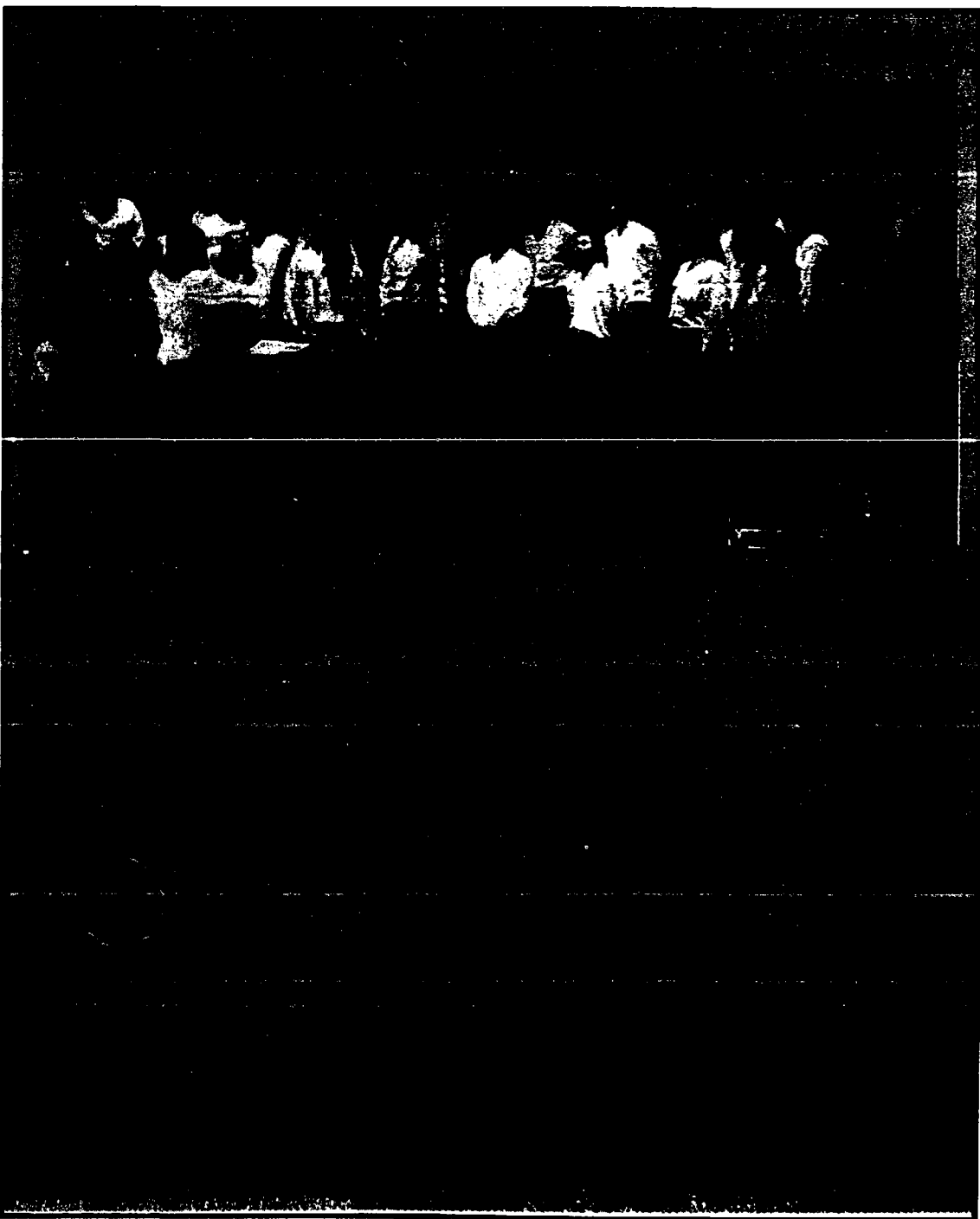
"I have a 10-year plan," said Shinosky, "but this house is my dream, and having it for my own was just meant to be. I envision having teas here and small receptions. I want the community to know that I've taken one of their special treasures and am caring for it, inch by inch."

Ms. Shinosky plans to convert the home into a bed and breakfast while continuing to operate a small beauty salon in the space formerly occupied by Nels Olson's office. Opening her home for the Cooper/Bachman wedding was something, she said, she welcomed doing. "A place like the Olson House really does belong to the citizens of this community."

Clyde Cooper is a 33-year employee of UNOCAL and Rebecca formerly owned and operated her own business. Both are from California and expect to make their home in Grayling. Their attendants were Rebecca's son, Ralph, and Rudy Velling and wife Noreen of South Branch.



**MAGICAL MOMENT** -- Clyde Cooper and Rebecca Bachman were married in the historic Nels Olson home this past Valentine's Day. Photo by Shirley Schmoock



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# Viking cagers tie for conference crown

The Grayling Vikings beat the Standish Sterling Panthers last Thursday night by a score of 64-54 to gain a three way share of the Northeast Michigan Conference title for the 1997-98 basketball season. The win capped off an exciting regular season for the club which heads into District competition with a 13-7 overall record.

The game against Standish was

marked by an overall team effort. Head Coach Rich Moffitt noted that the defense, led by senior guard Travis Parkinson, played well as Grayling built an early lead that it never relinquished. Nate Hinkle had three steals on defense while Brad Ritter garnered seven rebounds.

Nate Beckwith provided the spark for the offense in the third quarter and he finished the game with 19

points. Play maker Eli Tobin had his typical all around game by dishing out eight assists and slicing to the basket for 13 points. Hinkle was the other top scorer with 17 points.

The strength of the Viking bench proved too much for the Panther starters. Mike Oswald provided his team valuable minutes in the low post with stifling defense and four points, two of which came off an offensive rebound by way of a one handed "put back." David Hawkins also scored four points which resulted from nifty back court steals.

The most remarkable aspect of Grayling winning the Conference title is the youthful nature of the team. Parkinson is the only starter who will not return next year. Beckwith, Ritter and Oswald are juniors while Tobin, Hinkle, Hawkins, and center Adam Knapp each have two more years of eligibility. These players, combined with the Junior Varsity team that went 14-6 on the year, will provide a solid group when the Vikings defend their title next year.

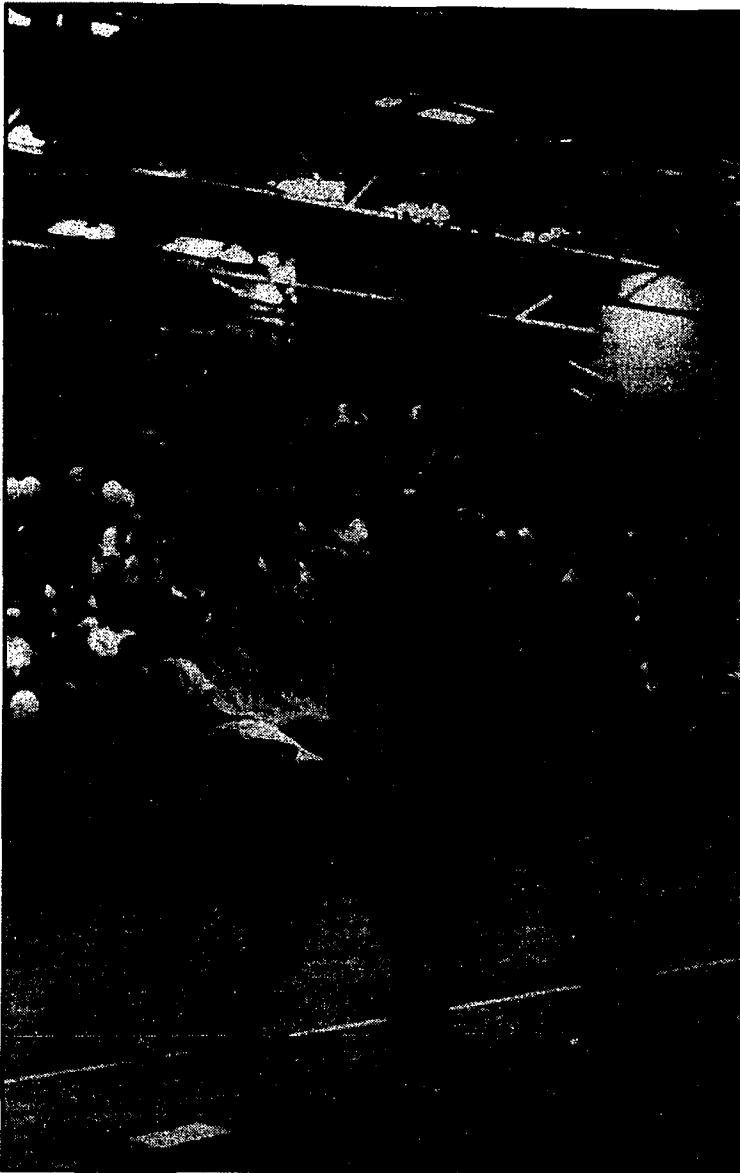
Coach Moffitt, in his fourth year at Grayling, has steadily improved the Viking basketball program. Hinkle is putting up Michigan State numbers by averaging 26 points and seven rebounds per game while Ritter led the team with an average of eight rebounds a game. According to Junior Varsity Head Coach Butch Hayes, much of the Grayling success comes from Moffitt's organizational skills.

In addition to coaching during the winter, Moffitt has developed a youth program which concentrates on teaching grade schoolers fundamental basketball skills and also runs a summer basketball league for high school age youth. This high level of involvement, according to Hayes, brings much needed exposure for the Viking cagers and obviously paid off during the regular season.

On Wednesday, Grayling will open District play against the winner of Tuesday night's Roscommon/Sault Ste. Marie game. This game was rescheduled from Monday due to bad weather.

Although the Vikings struggled in two previous games against Roscommon and have not played Sault Ste. Marie this year, Grayling fans know that a win on Wednesday night will provide an opportunity to upset the powerful Petoskey Northman on Friday. Coach Moffitt, however, is taking the games one at a time and does not want his players looking past Wednesday just yet.

Regardless of the District Tournament results, Coach Moffitt has been very pleased with his team's dedicated effort this year. In addition to being sound basketball players, the team has combined for a 3.19 overall academic grade point average. The coaching staff and players deserve hearty congratulations for a stellar regular season and support in the upcoming Class B State Tournament.



**UP FOR TWO** -- Varsity player Nate Beckwith scores a breakaway shot as Travis Parkinson trails, looking for a potential rebound.

## Boys basketball district schedule article correction

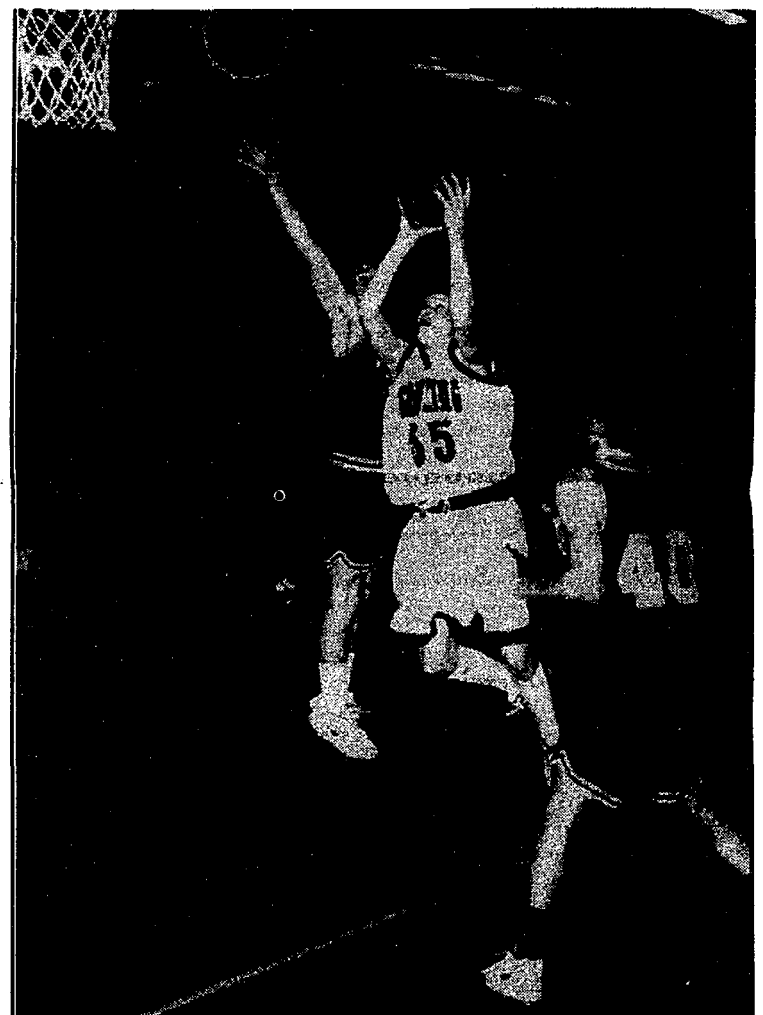
In the Thursday, March 5 edition of *The Crawford County Avalanche* there is an error on the front page of the sports section.

Grayling High School's Varsity basketball team will play its first game in the Class B District Tournament on Wednesday, March 11 at 8:30 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie.

The article stating that the Vikings' first district contest is to take place on Friday, March 13 is incorrect.

March 13 is the date set for the District Tournament championship game.

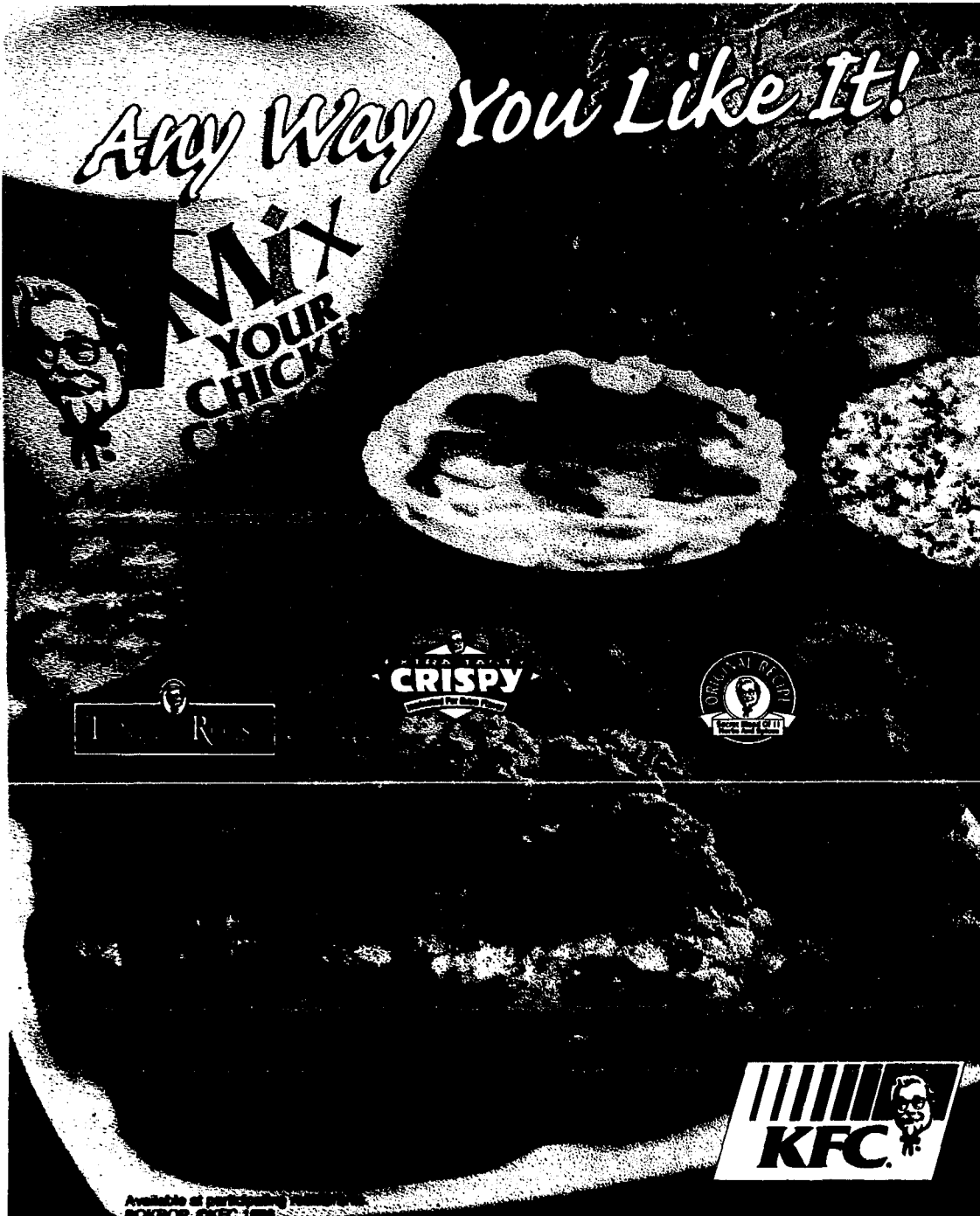
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**TO THE HOOP** -- Varsity Viking David Hawkins goes up for a two pointer against two Standish Sterling Panthers.

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**GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY** - Opening on May 23. Season passes will be available again this year. Cost is \$5 for Senior Citizens, \$10 per couple, and \$15 for family.



# Grayling Junior Varsity finish 14-6 season



The Grayling Viking Junior Varsity basketball team closed out a fine season last Thursday night, albeit on a low note with a 57-52 loss to Standish Sterling. Coach Butch Hayes led his group of eight players to an 11-5 conference mark and high hopes for next year's varsity season.

Against Standish Kevin Jansen and Brian McCurdy had strong inside games and led a game ending

scoring attack which almost overcame Standish. Brad Wilson and Brad Gorski played well in the back court while freshman Levi Burkett rounded out a fine defensive effort.

After taking a 27-20 first half lead against the Panthers, a third quarter scoring drought left the Vikings behind by four points going into the fourth quarter.

Hayes felt the loss of David Hawkins to the Varsity team hurt Grayling's chances. Noting that his players will generally "pick up the scoring slack" for each other, the Vikings could not gather enough points for the win.

Coach Hayes commented that his small team has been "out manned" most of the year but played with great intensity and desire.

## MENS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Rounds #1 and #2, Men's Basketball Tournament 3/3/98-3/5/98

Round #1

Game #1. Weyerhaeuser. 62 -- Holiday Inn. 60

Trenary - 21, Ruddy - 13, Dandy - 10, Hull - 6, Grant - 6, Ramsey - 4, Bickford - 2 / Hamlin - 16, Bonamie - 10, Smith - 8, Weaver - 7, Mertes - 6, Dean - 6, Swope - 4, Weiler - 2, St. Germain - 1.

Game #2 Lange Vending. 78 -- Baynham. 70 (OT)

Longendyke - 41, Fortino - 20, Geers - 10, Jung - 3, Hannum - 2, Butler - 2 / Neal - 25, E. Baynham - 18, Perrin - 18, Youngblood - 5, Perry - 2, T. Baynham - 2.

The first round of the tournament provided the closed games of the year with Weyerhaeuser holding on in the stretch to upset a tough Holiday Inn squad. Brad Trenary posted his season high with 21 points. The second game went into overtime tied at 67. Scott

Longendykes 41 points was too much for the young Baynham team who closed out their first season in the league.

Round #2

Game #1. Sawmill. 75 -- Weyerhaeuser. 61

T. Doremire - 18, P. Trudgeon - 14, Bonamie - 14, M. Doremire - 14, Dittenber - 8, Burrell - 7 / Dandy - 16, Grant - 11, Trenary - 10, Ramsey - 10, Hull - 9, Ruddy - 2, Bickford - 2, MacGregor - 1.

Game #2. Spikes. 76 -- Lange Vending. 58

Church - 22, Patterson - 18, Kucharek - 10, Jason Thompson - 9, Kolka - 6, Farrell - 4, Gardiner - 4, Jon Thompson - 3 / Longendyke - 29, Fortino - 19, R. Harland - 5, Hannum - 4, M. Harland - 1.

Sawmill and Spikes were winners in the second round. They advance to the championship game.

Thanks to all the teams and officials for helping make the season a success.



AGGRESSIVE PLAY -- Brad Wilson goes up for the shot while Brian McCurdy recovers from a defensive attack.

## POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

Sawmill II.....	179
Sawmill I.....	146
Legion.....	146
Fredric Inn.....	144
Plaza.....	127
Spikes.....	116
5 ball run.....	Margo R. and Barb M of Sawmill II, and Tina D. of Legion.

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- 15 NORTHERN ARIZONA Weger Motor Sales

# LEGAL ACTION

## NOTICE

### CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING & REHABILITATION COMMISSION

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are accepting applications for an opening on the Crawford County Housing & Rehabilitation Commission through Wednesday, March 18, 1998 @ 4:00 pm. Interested applicants must be residents of Crawford County.

Applications may be obtained from Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore  
Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds  
2/27/98  
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## NOTICE

### TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 1998, at 9 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet with the public at the township hall on:

Monday, March 9, 1998 • 9 a.m. - 12 noon & 1-4 pm  
Friday, March 13, 1998 • 1-4 pm & 6-9 pm

Tentative ratios for Maple Forest:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Residential	50	1.00000
Agricultural	50	1.00000
Commercial	50	1.00000
Industrial	50	1.00000

Mark D. Kniss  
Supervisor

-19-28-5-12

## Public Notice

The Crawford AuSable School District provides free and appropriate public special education programs and services to all individuals with disabilities under the age of twenty-six. If you know of a child who may need special education programming, please contact your local school district representative. You may be asked by the school representative to bring your child to school for an interview and schedule evaluation services.

Assistance will be provided by the person(s) listed below:

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All Preschools Age Children  
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Ms. Kathy Sergeant 517-348-7641

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Mr. Michael Branch 517-348-7641

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Ms. Judy Gorski 517-348-7641

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD CLAIMS NOTICE

File No. 98-5896-IE  
Estate of Lois M. LaGrow, Deceased, 374-26-5671.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

The decedent, whose last known address was 1908 Circle Court, Grayling, MI 49738 died Feb. 2, 1998. An instrument dated Feb. 10, 1989 has been admitted as the will of the deceased.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the independent personal representative, Joseph A. LaGrow, 841 Little John Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, or to both the independent personal representative and the Crawford County Probate Court, Grayling, Michigan 49738, within four months of the date of publication of this notice. Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

David R. Sabin (P19822)  
115 Michigan Avenue  
Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-5588

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

File No. 98-5804-NC

In the matter of Jason Winter Brown.

NOTICE: A hearing will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 1998 at 11:15 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Grayling, Michigan before Judge John G. Hunter.

To hear the petition to Change Name from JASON WINTER BROWN to: JASON W. COULTER.

Dated: March 2, 1998

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Frederic Township Zoning Board will hold a Public Hearing to submit its recommendations of a tentative zoning ordinance to the Township.

Date: April 2, 1998

Time: 7 pm

Place: Frederic Township Hall  
7564 County Rd. 612  
Frederic, MI

Brian Hulbert  
Supervisor

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## NOTICE CITY OF GRAYLING BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Grayling Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on the following dates, at the specified times:

DATE	
Monday, March 9, 1998	9 am to 12 noon, 1 pm to 5 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 1998	9 am to 12 noon, 1 pm to 5 pm
Saturday, March 21, 1998	9 am to 12 noon

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000

Larry D. Hunter, CMAE 4  
City Assessor

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# BOWLING LEAGUE

### Action League

Men in Black.....	23-5
Strike 2 Judgments.....	18-10
J.C.'s 1st Strikers.....	18-10
Natural Born Killers.....	15-13
Lethal Weapons.....	14-14
Kung Fu Mania.....	10-18
Phantoms.....	7-21
Women in Black.....	7-21
High Game: Male: D.J. Canfield, 198;	
Female: C. Romain, 177.	
High Series: Male: D.J. Canfield, 477;	
Female: N. Strohpaal, 403.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J.	
Arwood, 67; Female: C. Romain, 45.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: C.	
Marculewicz, 104; Female: S. Davis,	
8.	

### Cartoon League

Ninja's.....	13-8
Goose Bumps.....	13-8
Flintstones.....	12.5-8.5
Aristocats.....	12.5-8.5
Looney Tunes.....	11-10
Scooby Doo's.....	11-10
Rug Rats.....	7-14
3 Stooges.....	4-17
High Game: Male: J. Lobsinger, 160;	
Female: A. Ramsey, 130.	
High Series: Male: J. Lobsinger, 226;	
Female: A. Ramsey, 220.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: J.	
Lobsinger, 67; Female: A. Ramsey,	
97.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: C.	
Turner, 10; Female: A. Ramsey, 121.	

### Comedy League

Wild Natures.....	15-6
Spy's.....	15-6
Black Sheep.....	12-9
Tin Cups.....	11-10
Clerk's.....	10-11
Kung Fu Bearers.....	9-12
Nutty Professors.....	7-14
Space Jammers.....	5-16
High Game: Male: K. Fedak, 157;	
Female: K. Davis, 142.	
High Series: Male: K. Fedak, 261;	
Female: A. Prosser, 234.	
Most Pins over Average: Male: D.	
Mathey, 55; Female: C. Prosser, 53.	
Most Pins over Series: Male: J.	
Fairbotham, 15; Female: C. Prosser,	
8.	

### National First

Northern White Tail.....	25
Moore's Auto Parts.....	23
Legion & D. Ross Const.....	21
Weyerhaeuser.....	19
Forest Brothers.....	15
Corky's D.J. & Karaoke.....	12
City Environmental.....	11
Guns & Grubs.....	2
High Game: D. Canfield, 253; A.	
Angove, 228; J. Helsel, 227.	
High Series: D. Canfield, 660; A.	
Angove, 657; J. Helsel, 649.	

### Senior Citizens League

Tees 'N' Such 'R' Us.....	58.5-41.5
Buccilli's Pizza.....	55-45
Totten's Body Shop.....	52-48
Baynam Forest Products.....	51.5-48.5
Stevens Family Circle.....	50-50
Cornell Realty.....	47.5-52.5
Flowers By Josie.....	43.5-56.5
Sylvester's Sports.....	42-58
Men's High Game: G. Wolfe, 202; D.	
Germain, 196; K. Harris, 191.	
Men's High Series: G. Wolfe, 604; K.	
Harris, 540; L. Essiambre, 539.	
Women's High Game: P. Essiambre,	
173; A. Payne, 165; R. Gierke, 163.	
Women's High Series: P. Harris, 471;	
P. Essiambre, 459; A. Payne, 433.	

### Northwood League

Helsel Brothers.....	25-11
Rich's Cycle Service.....	25-11
Wakeley's Auto Parts.....	23.5-12.5
R & M Masonary.....	18-18
R. Calkins & Sons.....	15-21
Millikin's.....	13.5-22.5
Rochette's.....	13-23
Milltown Carpet.....	11-25
High Game: T. Rock, 221; R. Owens,	
213, S. Romain, 211.	
High Series: S. Romain, 568; S.	
Harney, 519; S. France, 517.	

### Pioneer League

Ginger's.....	23.5-12.5
Custom Interior.....	23.5-12.5
Millikin's.....	21-15
Mercy Hospital.....	19-17
Chemical Bank.....	17-19
Avalanche.....	14-22
Lady Slippers.....	13-23
Aunt Betty's.....	13-23
High Game: C. Jones, 221; J. Hinds,	
202; T. Parker, 190.	
High Series: C. Jones, 547; J. Hinds,	
538; T. Parker, 524.	

### Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

Us & Them.....	37-11
Computer Services.....	35-13
Suttlis Truck Leasing.....	34-14
M.M.L.D.....	26-22
C.S.I.....	26-22
Gary's Drywall.....	15-33
R & M Masonry.....	14-34
Bye.....	5-43
Men's High Game: R. Moshier, 205;	
D. Canfield, 197; R. Pyle, 192.	
Men's High Series: R. Pyle, 564; D.	
Canfield, 538; J. Helsel, 502.	
Women's High Game: Y. Schreiber,	
185; M. Miller, 183; M. Starks, 180.	
Women's High Series: D. Canfield, 676;	
506; J. Hinds, 488; Y. Schreiber, 476.	

### Friday Night Mixed Doubles

Charlies Country Corner.....	32-12
Suttlis.....	31-13
Aunt Betty's.....	22-22
Moshier Auto Repair.....	21-23
AJD Forest Products.....	20-24
A. Bulldog Towing.....	20-24
Fick & Sons.....	15-29
Sawmill.....	15-29
Men's High Game: D. Canfield, 226,	
225; R. Buskirk, 200; T. Lovely, 198.	
Men's High Series: D. Canfield, 676;	
R. Buskirk, 553; M. Campbell, 537.	
Women's High Game: B. Lozon, 187;	
K. Laughton, 180; S. Sumner, 177.	
Women's High Series: K. Laughton,	
524; K. Trudeau, 474; K. Moshier,	
463.	

### Recreation League

Glen's Market.....	20-16
Peterson Saw Service.....	20-16
North Country R.V.....	19.5-16.5
Mickey Perez CPA.....	18.5-17.5
Scheer Motors.....	17.5-18.5
Cornell's.....	17-19
Fun-N-Sun Rental.....	16.5-19.5
Mark 8.....	15-21
High Game: K. Schmidt, 224; L.	
Dellar, 200; D. Mead, 198.	
High Series: L. Dellar, 545; J. Czapek,	
490; K. Moshier, 479.	

### Triangle League

Milltown Carpet.....	39-9
Airway Automation.....	35-13
Barber Construction.....	26-22
C.S.I.....	22-26
Moshier Auto Repair.....	20-28
A Team.....	20-28
Jackson Trio.....	15-33
Cal Schreiber Bldr.....	15-33
High Game: B. Hurd, 262; T. Everly,	
224; M. Campbell, 214.	
High Series: B. Hurd, 625; T. Everly,	
605; A. Angove, 585.	

### American Men's League

Burnside RV.....	10-4
Red Barn.....	10-4
Buccilli's.....	7-7
Northwood's Land.....	7-7
McLean's Ace.....	7-7
Fenton's Auto.....	6-8
Stitches by Sue.....	5-9
Upper Lakes.....	4-10
High Game: T. Devins, 265; T.	
Kotrash, 256, L. Davis, 237; M. Keir,	
222.	
High Series: L. Davis, 647; T. Kotrash,	
636; M. Keir, 634.	

## Document 00020 INVITATION TO BID

Notice is given hereby that the Department of Management and Budget, Office of Facilities, will accept bids for:

Index No. (s): 50705/50706/50707, File No. 332/96147-TDK  
Department/Agency: Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, Michigan  
Subject Project No. 2 - Art/Maintenance Building, and Project No. 3 - Administration Building, Kirtland Community College.  
Location: Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, Michigan  
according to Contract Document prepared by Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C.; 215 South Court Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, and described in general as:

Project No. 2 - Add/Remodel of Art/Maintenance Building includes work described in Project Manuals 2A, 2B, and 2C, as well as, Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"B" dated February 27, 1998.

Project No. 3 - Add/Removal of Administration Building includes work described in Project Manuals 3A, 3B and 3C, as well as Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"C" dated February 27, 1998.

Without force and effect on the requirements of the Contract Documents, the work as described in Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"B" and Project Manuals 2A/3A, 2B and 2C includes the complete demolition and removal of the existing wood pole constructed Art/Maintenance Building, and the construction of a new rigid frame steel structure to house the Art program and campus maintenance department. Included in the work is the limited reconstruction of the site in and around the proposed facility.

Without force and effect on the requirements of the Contract Documents the work as described in the Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"C" and Project Manual 2A/3A, 3B and 3C includes the remodeling of areas of the existing Administration Building currently housing the campus maintenance department, and the construction of a new 2-story addition to house general classrooms, developmental learning, and testing centers, and including development of the site in and around the proposed addition.

Documents may be obtained from Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C., at a cost of \$200.00 per set, refundable if returned in good condition within ten days of bid opening. A maximum of three (3) sets are available to General Contractors and one (1) set for Subcontractors/Suppliers. All checks shall be accompanied by a transmittal indicating Company name, address, telephone and fax number, project identification and whether bidding as a General Contractor, Mechanical Subcontractor, Electrical Subcontractor or Subcontractor/Supplier. All checks should be made payable to the State of Michigan.

Questions concerning the Contract Documents shall be directed in writing to:

Anthony P. Esson, AIA  
Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C.  
215 South Court Avenue  
Gaylord, Michigan 49735  
Telephone: (517) 732-6218  
Fax: (517) 732-0907

Contract Documents are filed in the following locations:  
Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C.; 215 South Court Avenue; Gaylord, MI 49735  
Dodge Reports, 10 Oak Hollow, Suite 330, Southfield, MI 48034  
Dodge Reports, 835 Louisa Street, Lansing, MI 48910  
Dodge Reports, 1311 S. Linden Road, Suite B, Flint, MI 48532  
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Builders Exchange of Grand Rapids, P.O. Box 2031, Grand Rapids, MI 49501  
Tri-City Builders and Traders, 334 S. Water, Saginaw, MI 48607  
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Daily Construction Reports, 25229 Dequinder Road, Madison Heights, MI 48071  
The Plan Room, 3135 S. State Street, No. 210, Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
Builders Exchange of N.W. Michigan, 1238 Garfield Avenue, Traverse City, MI 49684  
Menominee Builders Exchange, Chamber of Commerce Building, Menominee, MI 49858  
Marquette Builders, 1229 W. Washington Street, Marquette, MI 49855  
Hurley/Ironwood Builders Exchange, 100 East Aurora Avenue, Ironwood, MI 49938  
Iron Mountain/Kingsford Builders Exchange, 600 S. Stephenson Ave., Iron Mt., MI 49801  
Delta County Builders Exchange, Vicki Mistinski, 230 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829  
Sealed bids will be received by the Office of Facilities until:

Wednesday, April 8, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., Local Time  
CAUTION: Some express mail services guarantee delivery by 3 p.m. To be accepted, your bid must be received at the Office of Facilities by 2:00 p.m. on the date indicated.

A MANDATORY prebid conference and inspection will be held at the job site with all concerned parties on Monday, March 30, 1998 at 2:00 p.m., Local Time - Lobby of Academic Building, Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, Michigan.

If your desire to bid this work, please submit your proposal, in duplicate, to the Department of Management and Budget, Office of Facilities, Third Floor, Stevens T. Mason Building, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, Michigan 48908. If you desire to deliver your bid in person, the Stevens T. Mason Building is located on the northeast corner of Pine and Allegan Streets. Your proposal form must be received on or before the bid opening date and time selected on the proposal form, when all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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Department/Agency: Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, Michigan  
Subject Project No. 1 - Academic Building, Kirtland Community College  
Location: Kirtland Community College, Roscommon, Michigan  
according to Contract Document prepared by Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C.; 215 South Court Avenue, Gaylord, Michigan 49735, and described in general as:

Project No. 1 - Additions and Remodeling of Academic Building includes work described in Project Manual 1A, 1B and 1C, as well as Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"A" dated February 27, 1998.

Without force and effect on the requirements of the Contract Documents, the work as described in Construction Drawings #553-8-94-"A" and Project Manuals 1A, 1B and 1C includes remodeling of portions of the existing Academic building currently housing photography and chemistry, to include physics, chemistry, and prep spaces, as well as to allow for a connection to the proposed 2-story addition. Also included in the work is the construction of a 2-story addition to house additional lab facilities, two prep areas, nursing labs and office spaces. The work includes the development of the site in and around the proposed facility.

The extent of the work, including demolition, cutting and patching of the Academic building is shown as clearly as possible in the drawings, however, each bidder and subcontractor is required to visit the existing facility and become completely familiarized with the materials, systems, structural aspects and scheduled demolition areas.

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Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C.  
215 South Court Avenue  
Gaylord, Michigan 49735  
Telephone: (517) 732-6218  
Fax: (517) 732-0907

Contract Documents are filed in the following locations:  
Donald E. Morgridge, Architect, P.C.; 215 South Court Avenue; Gaylord, MI 49735  
Dodge Reports, 10 Oak Hollow, Suite 330, Southfield, MI 48034  
Dodge Reports, 835 Louisa Street, Lansing, MI 48910  
Dodge Reports, 1311 S. Linden Road, Suite B, Flint, MI 48532  
Dodge Reports, 2920 Fuller Avenue, N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49505



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
ANNUAL TAX SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

ORDER FOR HEARING  
NO. 97-4313-CZ

In the matter of the Petition of the State Treasurer of Michigan, in behalf of the State, for the sale of lands for unpaid property taxes.

The State Treasurer has petitioned this court for a judgment in favor of the State, against the parcel of land described in Schedule A, for the unpaid taxes, interest and charges on each parcel of land, and that the lands be sold for the amounts claimed due by the State.

It is ordered that the petition be brought on for hearing and judgment on the April first of this court, to be held at Grayling, Michigan, in the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 1st day of April, 1998.

At the opening of Court on that day, all persons who have an interest in the lands, or any part thereof, who wish to contest the claim claimed by the State, shall appear in this Court and file their objections with the clerk on or before the first day of the term of this Court mentioned above, and a judgment will be made as requested in the petition if the amount due is not paid.

It is further ordered that the lands described in the petition, will be sold for the taxes, interest and charges on the first Tuesday in May thereafter, beginning at 10:00 A.M. on that day or days after, at the office of the County Treasurer, or at a location selected by the County Treasurer, on the day of sale of the lands.

This sale will be open to the public and each parcel described in the judgment shall be separately offered for sale and sold to the person who pays the full amount charged against the parcel and accepts the smallest undivided interest in the property. Any parcel of land that is not sold on the first offering shall be reoffered on the succeeding day, or before the close of the sale. If not sold on the second offering the County Treasurer shall bid off the parcel in the name of the State.

Witness the Hon. Alton T. Davis, Circuit Judge, and the seal of said Circuit Court of Crawford County this 11th day of February, 1998.

Alton T. Davis  
Circuit Judge

Contraigned,  
Sandra Moore, Clerk

STATE TREASURER PETITION  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

In the matter of the Petition of the State Treasurer of Michigan, for and in behalf of the State, for the sale of certain lands for unpaid property taxes.

To the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, Douglas B. Roberts, State Treasurer of Michigan, shows unto the court:

1. That he is the State Treasurer of Michigan and files this petition under the provisions of P.A. 206 of 1893, as amended, and P.A. 380 of 1965, as amended.

2. That the attached Schedule A is the tax record required by the act and contains the description of all lands in the above county upon which taxes were assessed for the years mentioned and have remained unpaid for more than one year after they were returned delinquent or for land identified as certified special residential property under section 55a, 50 days after the lands were returned delinquent.

3. That the amounts opposite each description of land are (a) the total amount of delinquent taxes which are lawfully to be sold at the next annual tax sale, (b) interest calculated as provided by law to the first day of May, (c) a county property tax administration fee of four percent, (d) a minimum of \$1.00, and (e) non-refundable expenses, all in accordance with the act mentioned above.

4. That all of the taxes, interest and charges are valid and have remained delinquent for sufficient time to require the sale of the lands against which they were assessed at the next annual tax sale, and that a judgment be issued in favor of the State against the land for the payment of the amounts specified, and if not paid, that the lands be sold.

Therefore your plaintiff prays:

a. That within the time provided by law this court determine that the taxes, interest, and charges on the lands described in Schedule A are valid and constitute a valid lien upon each of the parcels of land.

b. That within the time provided by law this court make a final judgment in favor of the State of Michigan against each parcel of land for the payment of the taxes, interest, and charges, in Schedule A, and that the amounts in the column headed "Aggregate" shall constitute the amounts adjudged against the lands, unless amended by this court.

c. That if the amounts in the schedule are not paid, the lands, or the portion that is necessary to satisfy the amount adjudged against the lands, shall be offered separately at the tax sale as the law provides.

d. That your plaintiff may have such other and further relief that this court finds just and equitable.

Dated: January 12, 1998.

Douglas B. Roberts, State Treasurer  
By Sivaraman Amarnath, Administrator  
Local Property Services Division  
Authorized Representative of State Treasurer

Schedule 'A' Taxes of 1995  
and Prior Years

Sale No. Description of Land Tax Year Sale Amount

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TOWN 25 NORTH RANGE 3 WEST

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## Important Notice Relative To Delinquent Taxes

because the list of Delinquent tax lands for tax sale advertising must necessarily be made up several months ahead of time in order to get it in the printer's hands, several descriptions are included in the Crawford County list on which taxes have been paid.

**YOUR 1995 AND PRIOR YEARS TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID, YOUR LAND CANNOT BE SOLD IN THE MAY 5, 1996 TAX SALE**

**you have not paid your taxes and your land is listed for sale, you must pay at any time up until Monday, May 1998**

**We shall be glad to answer any other questions you have about the tax sale here at the Treasurer's office.**

**Joseph V. Wakeley**  
Crawford County Treasurer  
-4-12-10

# FEATURES

## HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of March 15-21

### ARIES

March 21-April 20

Focus on immediate and extended family this week. It's important to take the time to work on some problems that have been building. You don't want them to get out of hand. Plan a family dinner. It will be a relaxing and enjoyable way to start tackling those problems.

### TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Even if it seems like things are going haywire, don't lose your cool. Keep work in perspective. Things should calm down soon; but in the meantime, you'll come out looking professional and respectable. As a bonus, treat yourself to something extra special.

### GEMINI

May 22-June 21

Someone close to you needs your understanding and care. Take extra steps to be there for him/her; but whatever you do, don't jump to any conclusions. See if he/she wants to take an evening off. The two of you could go out to dinner and a movie or go shopping.

### CANCER

June 22-July 22

Take a deep breath. The worst is behind you. You have dealt with a personal problem and feel good about it; now it's time to move on. In honor of that decision, take the weekend off. Use your creativity and come up with an extra-special activity.

### LEO

July 23-August 23

First thing this week, take care of something you've been putting off. Whether it's a trip to the doctor or a dreaded chore, get it out of the way early. Then you'll have time to try something you've never done before. It doesn't have to be risky—just enjoy yourself.

### VIRGO

August 24-September 22

Challenge your family members this week. Work to get them out of their rut and do something new. Start with a family outing. Then try volunteering to help a worthy cause. Everybody will end up feeling better, and you'll be helping someone else.

### LIBRA

September 23-October 23

Don't let work get you down. Even if things seem like they continue to get worse, keep your chin up. Think of this time as an opportunity to make a change. Think about taking a chance this week. You could play the slots, the stock market or take a chance on love.

### SCORPIO

October 24-November 22

Before the week gets too far along, set aside some funds for the weekend. That way you'll be able to enjoy yourself without the pressure of money worries. Think about something special you could do for someone near and dear to you.

### SAGITTARIUS

November 23-December 21

This is the week you should look before you leap into anything. Be especially careful not to jump to conclusions concerning things going on behind the scenes at work. Outside of work, be cautious about taking on more because it may spread you too thin.

### CAPRICORN

December 22-January 20

Put your family first this week. A difficult situation will make things stressful for family members. Be there for them. Take a step back and a long look at your financial situation. It may be time to start thinking about professional advice for help on your finances.

### AQUARIUS

January 21-February 18

Spring fever may be in the air but be careful about going off the deep end. Don't make light of things at work; it could work against you when you go for a promotion. Be sure not to take a long-standing relationship for granted. Put some effort into it.

### PISCES

February 19-March 20

With that big project wrapping up at work, it's up to you to make sure you get credit for all your hard work. Start by writing a report on what you did and how it helped the project. Document everything. Don't become impatient concerning situations at home.

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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK

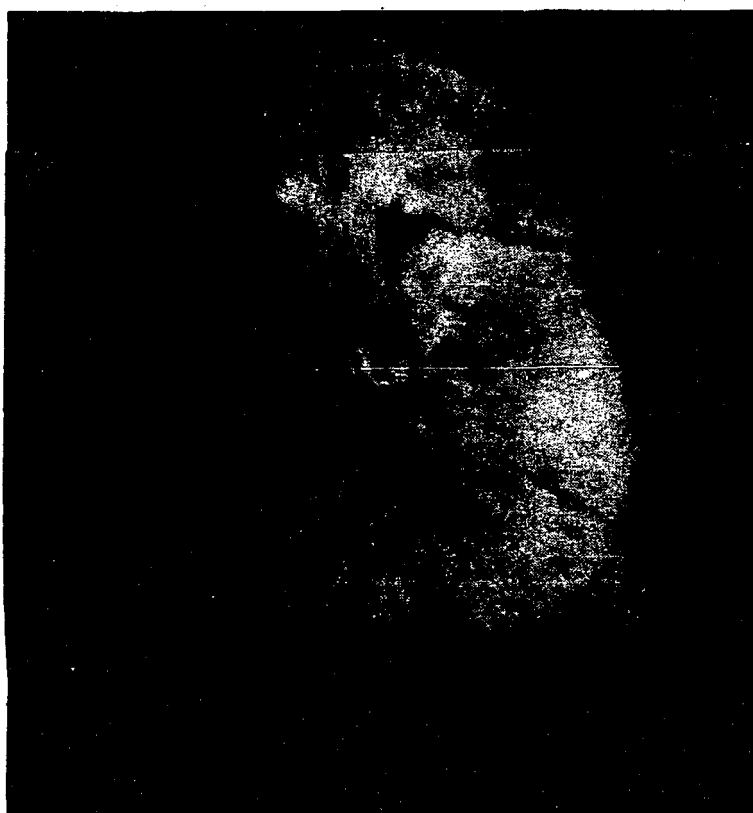
### BLACK PEPPER PORK WITH RAMEN NOODLES

(Makes 4 Servings)

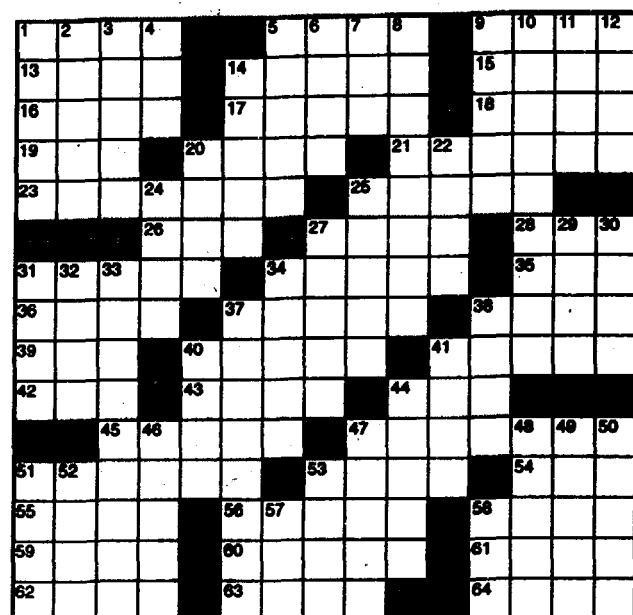
3/4 lb. boneless lean pork  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
1 Tbsp. plus 1/3 c. Kikkoman Stir Fry Sauce, divided  
2 packages (about 3 oz. each) dry ramen noodle soup  
2 Tbsp vegetable oil, divided  
1 medium onion, thinly sliced  
4 c. (8 oz.) broccoli florets  
1/2 tsp. black pepper  
1 tsp Oriental sesame oil

Cut pork across grain into 1/2-inch wide strips; coat with mixture of garlic and 1 Tbsp. stir-fry sauce. Let stand 15 minutes. Meanwhile, cook noodles only in 2 quarts boiling water 2 minutes; drain. Rinse with cold water, drain thoroughly. Heat 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil in hot wok or large skillet over high heat. Add pork and stir-fry 1 1/2 minutes; remove. Reduce heat to

medium-high; heat remaining vegetable oil in same pan. Add onions; stir-fry 1 minute. Add broccoli and 2 Tbsp. water; stir-fry 3 minutes. Stir in pork, noodles and remaining stir-fry sauce and pepper; cook, stirring well, until all ingredients are coated with sauce. Remove from heat; add sesame oil and toss well to combine.



## CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- Not any, old style
- \_\_\_\_\_ and for all
- Sore all over
- The Way \_\_\_\_\_ it (Patti Davis autobiography)
- Track figure
- Tree of the sapodilla family
- Penned persons
- Stallone portrayal
- Suspension vehicle
- Goal
- Unpunctual
- \_\_\_\_\_ not to make reply... (Tennyson)
- Hiatus
- Layers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Got Sixpence
- Calm
- Songbird
- Type of fur
- Obligated
- Clip grass
- Skipper's word
- Loved ones
- First name in spydom
- One of Frank's exes
- Parts of some travel packages
- Passport endorsements

### DOWN

- Not as naughty
- Together
- Tears
- Word of assent
- Expend
- Seward Peninsula city
- What's left when the kernels are gone
- Feelings
- Autumn flower
- It's just before Boxing Day
- Do I \_\_\_\_\_ a Waltz?
- Common abbr.
- Sorts
- Suited
- Pulls
- Problem
- Chalice
- Blush shade
- Divulge
- Shape of an egg
- Simpleton
- Clement
- Venom
- Stenches
- \_\_\_\_\_ regni
- Lazily
- New Jersey team
- Aerf van der \_\_\_\_\_
- Thanksgiving side dish
- Scrape
- Exist
- Embraced
- Stack
- Sees the sights
- Embers
- Fragment
- \_\_\_\_\_ brilliant and the silly loves...
- Ditto!
- Dismounted
- Tot's shore toy
- Nabs
- Erasure
- Acrid
- 5,280 feet
- Low
- Pugilists' pounders
- Tin Pan \_\_\_\_\_
- Portals
- The U.S.'s political beltway
- Winnie-the-Pooh's creator
- Fervor
- Asian desert
- "Amores" writer
- Funnyman
- Opponent of AES
- Marathon \_\_\_\_\_

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## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

### 23 YEARS AGO March 6, 1975

Grayling played host to nearly 1,400 students from 23 different bands last Saturday, and for the first time. Grayling Middle School Band took part. The event was the 1975 District II MSBOA Jr. High Band Festival and bands from as far away as Cheboygan and Benzonia took part. Grayling's band earned a "1" at the festival.

Three Viking matmen qualify for State finals and they are: Jeff Schlaack, Chris Partello, and Grant Byce.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Casey of Grayling on March 1, a son, Caleb Edward weighing 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

The Frederic Hobby Club met at the home of Mrs. Helma Post with nine members present. After a short business meeting, we spent the evening playing Bingo. The door prize was won by Mrs. Margaret Wheeler. The next meeting will be March 13 at the home of Mrs. Merna Newberry.

Mr. Brigham's Fourth grade class is in the process of learning a little about the carpenter business. The class project is a 6 x 8 foot house with 4 foot walls. It is being built so it can be easily taken apart, moved, and put back together.

February 21 was an exciting evening for Mrs. Mike (Lynette) Corlew as the Women's Missionary Group of Calvary Baptist Church feted her with a stork shower. The many guests played games and enjoyed refreshments. Devotions were read by Lynette's grandmother, Mrs. Lela Niederer.

Mrs. Corlew received many lovely gifts for the coming baby, including a home-made cradle.

### 46 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1952

Barbara Fenton, Robert Lovely

and Donald Thompson, all Grayling High School students, gave the program at the regular weekly meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Grayling held Monday evening at the Lone Pine Inn.

Mrs. Pearl Babbitt went to Lansing on Thursday night to attend the graduation exercises of her daughter, Shirley, who has completed a six week course at M.S.C., and to accompany her home.

Gene and Millie Harmer are very proud of the little newcomer in their home, who answers to the name of Wendy Katherine, born Feb. 29 and weighs 6 lbs. Mom and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Kellogg and daughters, Cheryl and Allyn of Saginaw spent the weekend in Frederic visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ace Leng. They were accompanied by Mr. Kellogg's niece, Bernice Kellogg, also of Saginaw, who spent the time with the Clayton Kellogg's.

Pat Stephan spent the past weekend home with her parents from her studies in Bay City.

### 69 YEARS AGO

March 6, 1929

Seeley Wakeley landed a fine seven pound pike at Lake Margrethe one day last week.

The flag pole in front of the American Legion Hall blew down last night during the high wind, breaking off near the base.

Theodore Wheeler of Detroit visited Grayling friends over the weekend, a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson.

New lock boxes have been installed in the post office and the clerks have been kept busy explaining the combination to the boxes.

A. W. Boening, who has had charge of the meat department at the local A&P store, has left for

Traverse City. William Weiss of this city is the new manager.

A new electric machine for thawing out frozen pipes has been purchased by the city and is now in operation.

Waldemar Jensen and his crew are redecorating the interior of the Opera House.

Mrs. Henry Bohn, driving their new Ford truck, ran into a string of moving flat cars on the Dupont road crossing on US-27 Monday evening. Luckily she escaped with but slight injuries.

A heavy windstorm on Wednesday night crashed two large plate glass windows in Sorenson Bros. Furniture Store.

Lee Sherman of Detroit is here to spend the winter with mother, Mrs. Nettie Sherman.

### 92 YEARS AGO

March 8, 1906

Electric lights were put in the hall over Connine and Co. grocery this week for the benefit of the Scandinavian Society.

The M & H Lumber Co's saw mill cut 100,000 ft. last Tuesday, day and night run.

The Benedict School house in Beaver Creek was burned Tuesday evening with the wood house and about 30 cord of wood.

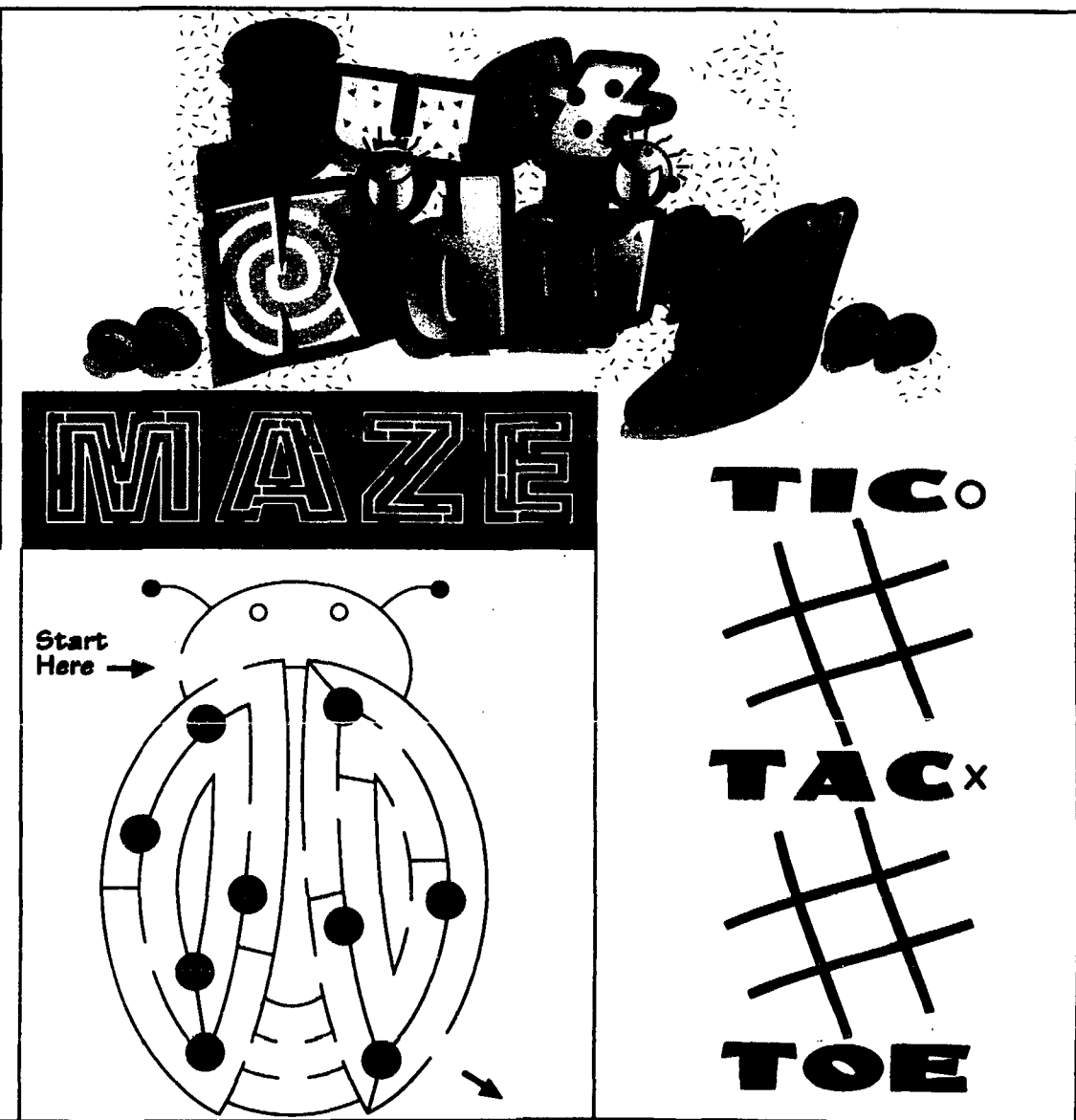
Mrs. Theodore Jendron of Frederic is the happy mother of a twelve pound Valentine boy.

R. Dupe and family of Frederic is selling out and heading for the wild and wooly west.

E. McCracken lost a valuable cow by rat poison, also another is very sick with little hope of recovery. Poison was thrown in the street.

Jas. McCall of Johannesburg sold his stock of drugs to Gutridge Bros. of Gaylord.

Robert Russell of Johannesburg has sold his farm and expects to go south about the first of April.



## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Melted
3/4	29	25	.04
3/5	30	26	
3/6	34	22	.01
3/7	33	25	.02
3/8	41	26	
3/9	34	28	.46
3/10	28	9	.32



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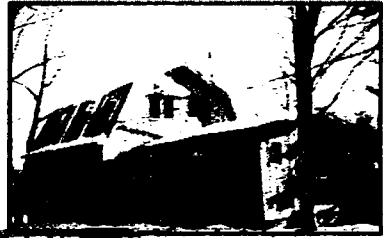
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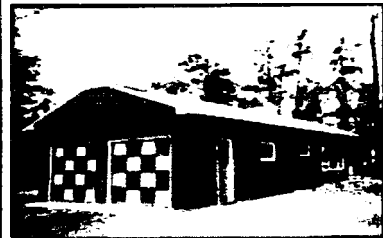
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**WATERFRONT RESORT** 323' frontage, 3.7 acres, four half-log rental cottages with screen porches, furnished motel three unit, guest house with full basement. Main home consists of 1,600 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage. Retail shop, all buildings in excellent condition, stone retaining wall along waterfront. Call today for you brochure/four. CH-585



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**QUICK, YOUNG, CONVENIENT NEIGHBORHOOD** Three bedrooms, one bath offers 1,080 sq. ft. Walk-out patio door off dining room. Large picture window and free-standing fireplace in living room. Appliances include stove, refrigerator and dishwasher. Two-car attached garage. Conveniently located close to schools, town and recreational activities. \$46,500. CS-682



**LAKE MARGRETHE** 9 1/2 lots with access to lake, close to trails, state lands. Classic A-frame with two-story cathedral ceilings, knotty pine, brick fireplace, wrap-around decking, balcony off master bedroom suite, two plus car garage with workshop, approximately 1,500 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Ideal recreational area with blacktop road. \$84,900 CH-604



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### 1. Real Estate

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### 1. Real Estate

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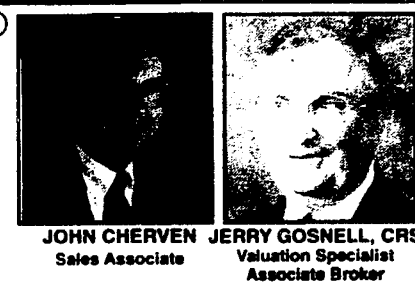
**FOR SALE BY OWNER:** Private setting, less than one block from Lake Margrethe. Four bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, finished walkout basement, attached garage, large deck, boat house, 200'X125' lot. Adjacent lots available. \$120,000 O.B.O. Call 348-5104. (-5-12/1)

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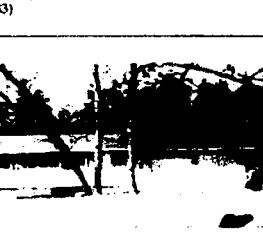
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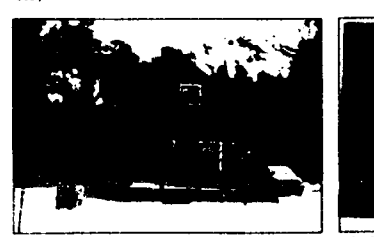
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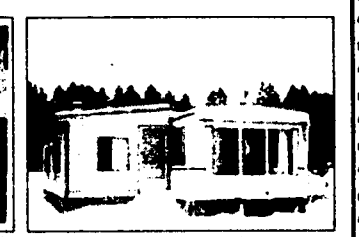
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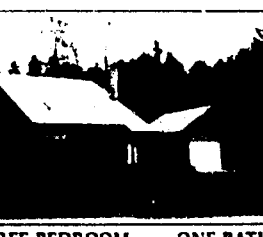
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**TWO-BEDROOM MOBILE** with 9' x 26' addition with woodburner, 1 1/2 acres, close to state land and snowmobile trails. \$29,900 (SG-30)



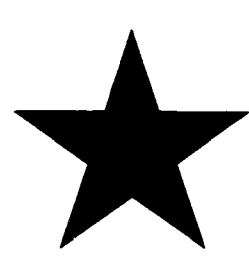
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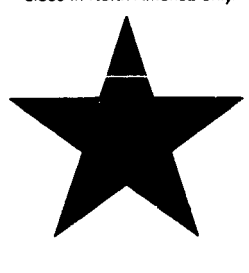


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### 1. Real Estate

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**INVENTORY COUNTERS** RGIS inventory specialists is now hiring inventory counters in your area. No experience necessary. Paid training program; \$7 per hour to start. Must be 18 years of age, have reliable transportation and communication. Call 888-708-8348, to arrange an interview. RGIS is an E.O.E. (-5-12/3)

**BEAVER CREEK RESORT** has openings for permanent and seasonal front desk positions. Work with great staff and enjoy resort privileges! Looking for reliable, up-beat team players. 517-732-2459, 5004 W. Otsego Lake Dr., Gaylord, MI 49735. (-12/3)

**TAKING APPLICATIONS** for a friendly person to join our team at Spike's Keg O' Nails. Apply in person. Benefits available. (-5-12/3)

**PARTS DEPT. POSITION AVAILABLE** Must have experience. Excellent wage and benefit pkg. Apply in person to Pioneer Hills Marine, 10914 County Rd. 100. 517-275-5175. (-12-19/3)

**SERVICE COORDINATOR** NEEDED for our expanding Service Dept. Apply in person at Pioneer Hills Marine, 10914 County Rd. 100. 517-275-5175. (-12-19/3)

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### 2. For Rent

### 3. Employment

**LPN'S** so you need supplemental income? Munson Home Health can help. We have a variety of openings where you can fit in! Day shifts in rural Mancelona, night shifts in Alba, 12 hour shifts in East Jordan, various shifts in Charlevoix. Ask for Gaylord Private Services, Sheila Miller, Manager. (517) 731-2370 or (800) 252-2065. (-12-19)

**IMMEDIATE OPENINGS** in my Houghton Lake appliance business, in all areas including sales, telemarketing, service, general labor. Must be able to start work immediately. Call for an interview and ask for Mr. Hart. (517) 366-4091. (-12-19-26/3)

**AVALANCHE OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling — (517) 348-6811.

### 3. Employment

**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW** being taken at the Grayling Recreation Authority office at Hanson Hills for the following positions: General maintenance and Labor or Ticket Booth employee at the Grayling Fish Hatchery. Please send resume to GRA, PO Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738, or apply in person at the office from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. (-12/3)

**BIG BUCK BREWERY** has openings for wait staff, line cooks, greeters and server assistants. Flexible hours, excellent pay. Apply in person in Gaylord, Thursday's from 2-4 p.m. (-12-19/3)

**WAITRESS WANTED** Apply in person at the Iron Gate Restaurant. (-12-19/3)

*River House is a Mercy affiliated, 16-bed emergency facility serving adult female and child victims of domestic violence from Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon Counties.*

**YOUTH ADVOCATE:** full-time opening. Performs a variety of duties to ensure the emotional and physical safety of women and children is achieved. Duties include: developing a service plan for children; organize and conduct one-on-one and children's support groups; train volunteers for the children's program; provide educational sessions regarding the children's program to other agencies who work with children; build community network of service agencies, schools, etc., in 4-county; provide information sessions in schools and in conjunction with youth outreach advocate; facilitate residential shelter services on clients; rotate on-call beeper coverage; supervises youth outreach and child care staff. Minimum qualifications include B.S. in social work, psychology or any other human service field; one year relevant work experience; effective verbal and written communication skills; excellent organizational skills; ability to relate to individuals and families in crisis.

**EVENING ADVOCATE:** part-time opening. Cover shelter from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm on weekday evenings. Assists residential clients in meeting their emotional and physical needs; answers the crisis line; completes necessary documentation; conducts intake interviews; reviewing house rules and responsibilities with clients/children; weekly shopping; sorting donations and completing thank you notes and other duties assigned by the Director. Qualifications high school diploma or equivalent, good judgement and empathy skills, knowledge of the dynamics of victimization, good communication skills.

Qualified candidates can apply in person, or call for an application: Human Resources Dept., Mercy Hospital/Grayling, 1100 Mich. Ave., Grayling, MI 49738; Phone 517-348-0340. Achieving Workforce Diversity Through Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

##### SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium is requesting proposals for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle.

The target population is economically disadvantaged at-risk youth, including high school dropouts, ages 14 to 21 years. At-risk youth should be recruited through the schools.

Eligible proposers are educational agencies, community based organizations, and non-profit entities with demonstrated effectiveness with the named target groups.

Available program dollars are approximately \$476,600 and will be targeted by county as follows:

Alcona	\$38,200
Alpena	\$114,400
Cheboygan	\$81,000
Crawford	\$47,700
Montmorency	\$33,400
Oscoda	\$33,400
Otsego	\$76,000
Presque Isle	\$52,500

Activities to be funded are:

##### 1. Career Exploration for youth ages 14 to 16

**Program Purpose:** Youth will have an opportunity to investigate various careers.

**Activities:** Proposed programs should include site visits to businesses and vocational schools, academic remediation, communication skills and values clarification. Performance payments for achievement will be allowed. Innovative activities that enable youth to work effectively in a team approach, to learn ways to solve problems and experience success, to gain confidence and boost self-esteem are encouraged.

##### Objectives:

- Improvement in employability skills.
- Enhancement of basic skills.
- Improvement in school retention and encouragement of school completion, or enrollment in supplemental or alternative school programs.
- Improvement in academic performance, including mathematics and reading comprehension.
- Enhancement of citizenship skills of youth, as defined in Section 4(33) of The Job Training Partnership Act.

**Goals:** The program should be outcome-based and enhance youths academic, social and personal management skills.

- To provide youth with the opportunity to explore careers and aid them in choosing related vocational and academic courses.
- To provide youth with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of employability skills and basic life skills.

##### 2. Work Experience or Job Specific Internship for youth ages 16 to 21

**Program Purpose:** Youth will have the opportunity to enhance future employability through work in the private sector or public or private non-profit sector.

##### Activities:

- Work experience in the private sector or public or private non-profit sector for a maximum of 35 hours per week at minimum wage.
- Job specific internships in the private sector contingent upon establishing a curriculum, goal, objectives and measurable outcomes.

**Goals:** Programs should be outcome-based and result in work maturity skills acquisition.

Requests for proposals should be made to Terry L. Basel at 517-733-9548, Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium, P.O. Box 711, Onaway, Michigan 49765. Disk copies are available upon request. A Bidder's Conference is to be held Wednesday, March 4, 1998 at 1:30 pm at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, 20709 State Street, Onaway, Michigan. The proposal deadline for submission is Monday, March 16, 1998 at 12 noon, at the Northeast Michigan Consortium, Onaway, Michigan. Late proposals will not be considered. Proposals may not be faxed.

\*An Equal Opportunity Employer. Auxiliary aids and services will be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center 1-800-649-3777 (voice & TDD) -5-12/3

### 2. For Rent

**NICE CLEAN ONE BEDROOM** duplex. Recently remodeled. Nice neighbors, lawn care. \$320, rental and employment references. 301A Rolla St. 348-2178 (2/26/98t/2)

**6106 INSLY**, near Lake Margrethe, two bedroom with att. garage, \$450 monthly, sec. dep. No pets. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440 for application. (2/12/98t/2)

**509 PARK STREET**, two bedroom house in city. \$450 monthly, sec. deposit, no pets. Call Craig Hinkle, 348-7440 for application. (2/12/98t/2)

**NEW THREE BEDROOM** two bath home, with lake access. Non-smoking only, no pets. \$600 per month plus utilities and security deposit. Available mid-March. 348-8627. (2/19/98t/2)

**CABIN FOR RENT:** on the river. Nightly or weekly. 517-348-8350. (9/9/97t/2)

**MAKE ARBOR COURT APARTMENTS** your new home. Large two bedroom apartments. Maximum income level of \$17,040 for two person household. Call Michelle at 517-348-6399 for more information. Equal Housing Opportunity. Professionally managed by Kathy Richards, Inc. and financed by R.D. (021502010) (2/5/98t/2)

**FOR RENT** two bedroom cottage near Lake Margrethe, partially furnished. First and last and security. Call 517-348-8219. (-19-26-5-12/2)

**COBBLE CREEK APARTMENTS** is accepting applications for our spacious apartments and barrier free units. Rent based on income. For additional information call 348-3150. Hearing impaired call TDD 1-800-760-1997. Equal Housing Opportunity. (19-26-5-12/2)

The GRAYLING HOUSING COMMISSION is taking applications for family three-bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% gross income. Utilities are included in the rent.

Grayling Housing Commission  
1116 1st Street, Grayling, MI 49738  
(517) 348-9314

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Rent Range:

Family of 2:	\$107 - \$555	Maximum income \$22,700
Family of 3:	\$125 - \$615	Maximum income \$25,550
Family of 4:	\$150 - \$674	Maximum income \$28,400



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### 8. Announcements

**BOAT SHOW** Don't miss out! March 12-13-14-15-19-20-21-22. Aqua patio, Sweet Water and SanPan Pontoon, Hurricane deck boats, Honda, Evinrude, Mariner and Force out board motors. All at special prices. Come in and select from what's in stock or custom order. Don't miss out! Come to Old Point Comfort Marine, 4629 W. Higgins Lake Dr. Higgins Lake. 517-821-5692. Open 8:30 to 5:00. (-12-19/8)

**WELCOME WAGON HOST-SES** Call Betty Mansfield, 3-8562, or Mary Lou Passmore, 348-5816, if you are a newcomer, engaged or a new mother. (8/3/85u/8)

**WATCH!** In Search Of The Lord's Way on T.V. 29&8 at 9 a.m. each Sunday. (LR4-23-98/8)

### 8. Announcements

**ATTENTION FISH LOVERS** Grayling Eagles Auxiliary is having a fish dinner, Wednesday, March 25, 1998, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Adults \$5.50, children under 5 free. Dine in or carry out. (348-5287) All proceeds to benefit Kids Fund. Alaskan Pallock, two pieces, baked potato wedges or french fries, cole slaw, homemade bread and deserts. (-12/8)

**COME TO ENJOY** the St. Patrick's Day celebration at Spike's Keg O' Nails. Food and drink specials all day, with Karaoke. From 7-12 p.m. See you there! (-12/8)

**SAWMILL** will be serving corned beef and cabbage on St. Pat's Day. All you can eat-\$4.95. From 12-10 p.m. Take out available. (-12/8)

### 8. Announcements

**SPIKE'S** now has lunch specials. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Mon.-Fri. (1/22/98t/8)

**COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S** for our Friday night fish fry. Just \$5.95 adults, \$3.25 for kids, beginning at 4 p.m. (1/15/98u/8)

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### 10. Garage Sales

### INDOOR RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Saturday, March 14th  
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Eagles Club, 602 Huron, Grayling -12/10

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# REAL ESTATE



This three bedroom home, is close to town for convenience featuring 2 garages (one attached), new vinyl windows very nice package for starter home or retirement. \$52,000 #4241 Ask for John Kuszak!



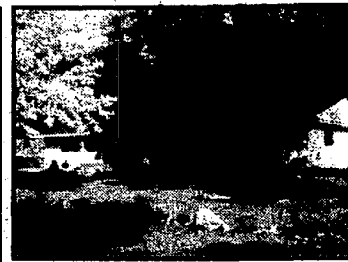
This very nice 4 bedroom home, is located on I-75 Bus. Loop & would make a great location for your own business/home. Living room has been newly remodeled and is a must see. 2 1/2 producing apple trees in yard. \$45,000 #4243 Ask for Connie Winans!



Your focal point upon entering the living room will be the attractive stone fireplace w/brass framed doors. Large windows across the front of the home lends a splendid view of the AuSable River. Lower level features wet bar, sauna, 3/4 bath and doorways leading out to the deck overlooking the river. \$249,000 #4242 Ask for John Kuszak!



**Starter Home or Retirement Home.** Affordable, energy efficient and cute. This fine 2 bedroom home comes with stove and refrigerator. Freshly painted interior and new kitchen floor. \$38,900 #3536 Ask for Bob Pollack!



Seller is "Motivated" This 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch home, with attached 2 car garage is within walking distance from Lake Margrethe. The home has large bedrooms, large living room, new 4" well in 96, 2 septic systems and much more. "A MUST SEE AT" \$73,900 #4190 Ask for Bob Pollack!



**Commercial opportunity** with attached 3 bedroom home has split stone fireplace & is as clean as can be. Shop has private entrance & separate bathroom facility. \$96,500 #3666 Ask for Connie Winans!



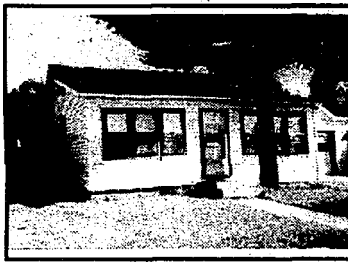
**Zoned Commercial.** This 30' x 72' garage, setting on 19 acres, it has 2 offices, one is located downstairs and one upstairs which is carpeted and equipped with small kitchen. Possible lease or build to suit. \$149,900 #4174 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



**Close to Lake Margrethe!** Large home in nice neighborhood with mature trees, full basement and beautiful landscaping on 1.3 acres. \$70,000 #4145 Ask for John Kuszak!



**Very well maintained 4-5 bedroom** home has fantastic location in the city of Grayling. Large spacious rooms throughout. Current use is duplex rental, however only minimal labor to convert back into single family dwelling. \$89,500 #4187 Ask for Connie Winans



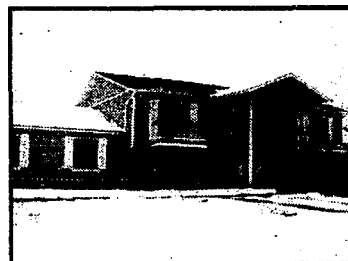
**Nice Starter Home, or rental investment.** Home features two bedrooms, one bathroom, Michigan basement and comes with stove and refrigerator. Newer siding, windows, well and septic. \$37,500 #4176 Ask for Jim Wiltse!



**Located in East Branch Estates.** This beautiful partial brick 2,632 square foot home has room for the whole gang! Featuring 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, large family room and living room. \$86,900 #4229 Ask for Connie Winans!



**Great location in Sherwood Forest.** Ideal floor plan has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, enclosed 11 x 18 back porch, large 8 x 24 breezeway leading to the 23 x 18 garage. Blacktop circle drive. \$55,900 #3986 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



**Excellent Income Property,** currently 18 apartment units, fully rented, and the add'l unit to be under construction March 98. Each building has 4/2 bedroom, 2/1 bedroom apartments. Appliances included, general laundry in each building. No dual agency available. \$735,000 #4230 Ask for Debbie Bondar!



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**1993 Pontiac Gran Prix SE, V6,** 92,000 miles, bright red, clean economical transportation, asking \$5,995. Call Ron or leave message at 517-348-6761. (2/19/98u/11)

**1987 MERCURY TOPAZ** Good transportation, new brakes, newer engine, body needs help. \$500 or best. 348-5417, leave message. (-5-12/11)

**1992 PONTIAC GRAND AM SE** two door, power locks, new tires, exhaust, brakes, am/fm CD Kenwood stereo. Asking \$5,500. Call 348-1456. (-12/11)

**1985 PONTIAC 6000 STE** Good condition. Good transportation, new catalytic converter, newer engine. \$600 or best. 348-5417, leave message. (-12-19/11)

**1995 HONDA 600 SHADOW** with windshield, saddlebags, backrest and pad. Asking \$4,000. Call after 9 a.m. 517-348-6453. (-12-19/11)

**1991 FORD F-150 XLT** Lariat, loaded, all options, four wheel drive, with plow, 302 V-8. 348-6224, leave message. \$7,500 or best. (-12-19/11)

**FOR SALE 1985 Dodge Aries.** \$450 firm. 348-4464. (-12/11)

**1984 FORD RANGER 4 X 4** with new tires and topper. \$1,300 or best. Call after 9 a.m. 517-348-6453. (-12-19/11)

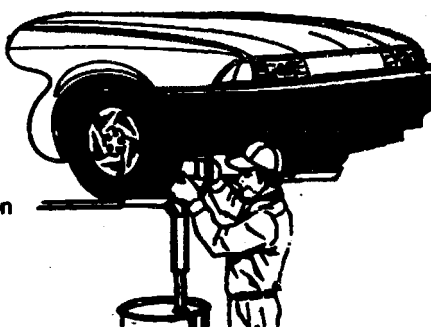
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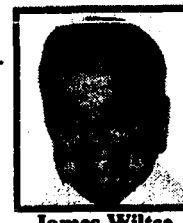


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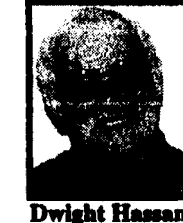
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